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- 1.1.3.2 Updates tropical cyclone types for TCP products
- 1.14.3 Adds probabilistic tropical cyclone storm surge exceedance products
- Updates tropical cyclone types and format in the product type line for HPC's TCP product
- 7.1 HLS Mission Connection updated for 2011. The HLS is the WFO product to provide and issue all tropical cyclone watches and warnings. Specifically, the HLS conveys tropical cyclone watches and warnings issued by the national tropical cyclone forecast center and the HLS is used to issue tropical cyclone watches and warnings for inland zones and the WFO's marine area of responsibility.
- 7.1.2.2 Clarifies HLS issuance criteria
- 7.1.2.3 Adds new "abbreviated HLS"
- 7.1.3.2 Expanded HLS product type line options for 2011
- 7.1.3.4 Overview block becomes mandatory, standardizes ETNs in HLS with NHC ETNs, updates Watch/Warning section
- 7.1.4 Details on the relationship of the HLS to other WFO-issued advisories/watches/warnings moved to a new section. Also, the former Table 1, a single table to clarify WFO product issuance once NHC issues watches and warnings, was replaced with two tables, with Table 1A for coastal WFOs and Table 1B for the inland WFOs, listed in Section 7.1 2.2, that issue the HLS.
- former 7.2-7.3 Eliminates WFO-issued tropical storm/hurricane wind watches/warnings for tropical and subtropical storms

# 7.2 Clarifies WFO issuance of NPW products

Changes to product examples in Appendix:

Updates Tropical Cyclone Discussion example Adds new HLS examples for 2011 changes

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1. Tropical Cyclone Forecast and Advisory Products.

NOTE: Weather Service Office (WSO) Pago Pago, American Samoa, is exempt from the policies of this directive. This is due to international agreements with the country of Samoa. These agreements allow for the exchange of forecasts, watches and warnings in format and language suitable to both countries. Also, WSO Pago Pago does not have an Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecast (ATCF) system or the Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS).

Refer to Appendix A for tropical cyclone product examples.

- 1.1 <u>Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories (TCP)</u>. The TCP is the primary tropical cyclone information product issued to the public. The National Hurricane Center (NHC); the Central Pacific Hurricane Center (CPHC); and Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Tiyan, Guam, will issue TCPs.
- 1.1.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCP is the primary tropical cyclone product issued to the public. The TCP provides critical tropical cyclone watch, warning, and forecast information for the protection of life and property.
- 1.1.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.1.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF system and the AWIPS.
- 1.1.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. In the Atlantic and east Pacific, NHC will issue TCPs for all tropical cyclones (except for certain tropical depressions over land, for which HPC issues a similar product under the TCP header. See Section 6.6.) In the central Pacific, CPHC will issue TCPs for all tropical cyclones. In the western Pacific, WFO Guam will issue public advisories using Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) forecast products as guidance for all tropical cyclones within their Area of Responsibility (AOR) from 130°E to 180° between the Equator and 25°N.

Issue the initial advisory when data confirm a tropical or subtropical cyclone has developed. The title of the advisory will depend upon the intensity of the tropical cyclone as follows: A tropical depression advisory refers to a tropical cyclone with 1-min sustained surface winds up to 33 knots (38 mph); a tropical storm advisory for tropical cyclones with 1-min sustained surface winds 34 to 63 knots (39 to 73 mph); a hurricane/typhoon advisory for tropical cyclones with 1-minute sustained surface of 64 knots (74 mph) or greater.

The final Public Advisory from NHC or CPHC will be issued when the tropical (or subtropical) cyclone:

a. Ceases to be a tropical (or subtropical) cyclone (e.g., dissipates, becomes a remnant low, extratropical, etc.)

- b. Is centered over land, is below tropical storm strength, and is not forecast to move back over water as a tropical cyclone, and no coastal tropical cyclone watches or warnings are in effect. See Section 6.6 for information on TCPs issued by HPC.
- c. For Guam, when the tropical cyclone moves out of the WFO AOR.

#### 1.1.2.3 Issuance Time.

- a. Public Advisories. NHC and CPHC will issue Public Advisories at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) with valid position times corresponding to the advisory time. WFO Guam issuance times are 0400, 1000, 1600, and 2200 UTC.
- b. Intermediate Public Advisories. Intermediate Public Advisories will be issued at 2- to 3-hourly intervals between scheduled advisories (see times of issuance below). Issue 3-hourly intermediate advisories whenever 1) a coastal tropical storm or coastal hurricane/typhoon watch/warning is in effect, or 2) a tropical cyclone is over land at tropical storm strength or greater. Issue 2-hourly intermediates whenever tropical storm or hurricane/typhoon warnings are in effect and coastal radars are able to provide responsible tropical cyclone centers with a reliable hourly center position.

Three hourly issuances...NHC/CPHC at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC. WFO Guam at 0100, 0700, 1300, and 1900 UTC.

Two hourly issuances...NHC/CPHC at 2300, 0100, 0500, 0700, 1100, 1300, 1700, and 1900 UTC. WFO Guam at 0000, 0200, 0600, 0800, 1200, 1400, 1800, and 2000 UTC.

The content of intermediate advisories is identical to the content of regular advisories.1.1.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCPs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.

- 1.1.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.1.3 Technical Description. TCPs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.1.3.1 Universal Geographic Code (UGC) Type. Not applicable.
- 1.1.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator (MND) Header</u>. The TCP MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) ADVISORY NUMBER XX."

The 8 Tropical Cyclone Types are: Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Hurricane Typhoon Subtropical Depression Subtropical Storm Post-tropical Cyclone Remnants of

- 1.1.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The TCP comprises five sections: Summary, Watches and Warnings, Discussion and 48-hour Outlook, Hazards, and Next Advisory. Each section of the TCP begins with a specific header text string (see Appendix A). An optional lead statement or headline may precede the Summary section to emphasize significant aspects of the tropical cyclone. The forecaster's name should appear at the end of the advisory.
  - a. Summary. This section follows a fixed format, containing lines for the location, geographical reference(s), maximum winds, direction of movement, and minimum pressure. The section will always contain at least one geographical reference, but not more than two. Geographical reference lines begin with the keyword ABOUT. In the summary section, all directions are abbreviated (e.g., N, NNE, NE, ENE, E, etc.). If the forward speed is zero, the motion will be given as STATIONARY. In the summary section header, UTC time will always be given with four characters (e.g., 0300 UTC). No other numerical values in this section will appear with leading zeros.
  - b. Watches and Warnings. This section lists coastal watches and warnings in effect for hurricane/typhoon and tropical storm conditions. It may also include watch/warning definitions and call to action statements as described below. Whenever watches or warnings are issued, continue in effect, or are discontinued, the Watches and Warnings section will contain the following two subsections:

#### CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

#### SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

List changes to watches and warnings since the last TCP or Tropical Cyclone Update (TCU) in paragraph form, one change per paragraph.

Summarize active watches and warnings as a bulleted list, grouped by warning type. Each grouping will begin with a statement similar to . . . A HURRICANE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR. . . Each watch or warning segment that follows will appear on a separate line beginning with an asterisk. However, watches or warnings that encompass entire islands or jurisdictions may be grouped together as a single segment, e.g.:

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...

\* ANTIGUA...BARBUDA...ANGUILLA...AND ST. MARTIN

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...

\* THE CUBAN PROVINCES OF GUANTANAMO AND HOLGUIN

NHC issues tropical storm/hurricane watches/warnings for the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico coasts of the continental United States, the US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

CPHC and WFO Guam issue tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon watches if tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon conditions are possible along the coast including the islands of Hawaii, northwest Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and selected points in the Micronesian countries.

Watches are issued when tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon conditions are possible within the watch area. Tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

Warnings are issued when tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area. Both tropical storm and hurricane warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds. Typhoon warnings are issued by WFO Guam 24 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

Whenever possible, a watch should precede a warning. Once a watch is in effect, it should either be replaced by a warning or remain in effect until the threat of the tropical cyclone conditions has passed. A hurricane/typhoon watch and a tropical storm warning can be in effect for the same section of coast at the same time. Tropical storm warnings may be issued on either side of a hurricane/typhoon warning area.

If tropical storm force winds directly associated with a tropical cyclone are expected to affect an area for which a gale warning is already in place, a tropical storm warning may be issued, replacing the gale warning, at the discretion of the hurricane specialist after coordinating with the impacted WFO(s).

It is not normally advantageous to step down warnings for tropical cyclones. Do not use intermediate advisories to issue U.S. tropical cyclone watches or warnings. Intermediate advisories can be used to clear all, or parts of, a watch or warning area.

When a watch or warning is introduced for a new major geographical area, the watch/warning section should contain a definition of the watch or warning. These definitions may also be included at other times. The definitions will appear after the list of active watches and warnings in effect. Other statements (e.g., "INTERESTS IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF BILL.") may also appear after the list of active watches and warnings.

When watches or warnings are in effect for the United States, include the following statement: "FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE."

When watches or warnings are in effect for areas outside the United States, include the following statement: "FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE."

When a tropical cyclone watch is in effect and a tropical cyclone is either approaching or departing and conditions warrant, forecasters may include the statement "A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT. SMALL CRAFT SHOULD STAY IN PORT." When discontinuing tropical cyclone warnings for an area where small craft advisories are to remain in effect, use the following statement: "SMALL CRAFT ADVISORIES REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR PORTIONS OF THE COAST. PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL NWS FORECAST OFFICE."

c. Discussion and Outlook. This is a free text section that describes the current location and motion, maximum winds, extent of hurricane- and tropical-storm–force winds, and minimum pressure. It will provide a general outlook for the track and intensity of the cyclone over the next 24-48 hours.

Include the location of the center of the tropical cyclone by its latitude and longitude. When the center of the tropical cyclone is over land, give its position referencing the island, state or country in which it is located and in respect to some well-known city, if appropriate.

Movement forecasts apply to the tropical cyclone's center. Give the present movement to 16 points of the compass. Include a generalized 48-hour forecast of movement using wording that appropriately conveys the uncertainties in the track forecast (e.g., "could move near or over..."). Make landfall forecasts of the center with caution to avoid giving the public any false sense of security. Broad statements for areas that could be affected beyond 48 hours may also be included (e.g., "It is too soon to determine if Jeanne will eventually affect any land areas.").

Give the estimated maximum 1-minute sustained surface wind speed rounded to the nearest 5 mph. Provide a generalized intensity forecast out to 48 hours, using wording that appropriately conveys the uncertainties in the intensity forecast. The forecast can be conveyed in terms of the expected change compared to the initial intensity (e.g., weakening, strengthening, little change), and/or a general categorical description (e.g., depression, storm, hurricane, major hurricane) of the forecast intensity, with appropriate qualifiers (e.g., "could become"). Broad statements for areas that could be affected beyond 48 hours may also be included (e.g., "Katrina could become a dangerous hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico in 2 to 3 days.").

Provide the area (or radius) of both tropical storm and hurricane/typhoon force winds. Provide central pressure values in millibars and inches. (NHC and CPHC)

d. Hazards. This section of the TCP describes the threats of a tropical cyclone. The information in this section will be given in descending order of importance or urgency. Most paragraphs will begin with one of the following keywords: STORM SURGE, WIND, RAINFALL, TORNADOES, SURF, or OTHER. Discuss storm hazards whenever warnings are in effect, or earlier if possible and appropriate.

Surge: Storm surge forecasts should highlight areas along the coast and within bays that are likely to experience dangerous flooding from storm surge. When possible, timing should be estimated or should be referenced to storm position, e.g. "as the hurricane is making landfall," or "as strong winds turn to the southwest." Wave information should be included for the outer coastline (all coastlines for Pacific Region locations) when possible.

For storm surges affecting the United States, NHC will generally reference storm surge information/forecasts as height above ground level, using a statement similar to the following:

A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS [HEIGHT] FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST NEAR AND TO THE [N/S/E/W] OF WHERE THE CENTER MAKES LANDFALL. THE SURGE COULD PENETRATE AS FAR INLAND AS ABOUT [DISTANCE] MILES FROM THE SHORE WITH DEPTH GRADUALLY DECREASING AS THE WATER MOVES INLAND. NEAR THE COAST...THE SURGE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND DESTRUCTIVE WAVES.

Reference storm tide rather than storm surge within 12 hours or so of landfall, when the time of landfall relative to the time of high or low tide can be determined with confidence, using a statement similar to the following:

A DANGEROUS STORM TIDE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS [HEIGHT] FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST NEAR AND TO THE [N/S/E/W] OF WHERE THE CENTER MAKES LANDFALL. THE SURGE COULD PENETRATE AS FAR INLAND AS ABOUT [DISTANCE] MILES FROM THE SHORE WITH DEPTH GRADUALLY DECREASING AS THE WATER MOVES INLAND. NEAR THE COAST...THE SURGE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND DESTRUCTIVE WAVES.

Storm surge statements for areas outside of the United States will not be expressed in terms of inundation above ground level, but will continue to be referenced to normal tide levels.

Surf: On a case by case basis, NHC will discuss with the affected continental United States (CONUS) WFOs on the hurricane hotline coordination call whether rip currents and/or dangerous surf will be referenced. If agreement is reached to reference rip currents and/or dangerous surf, NHC will generally use wording such as:

SWELLS GENERATED BY [STORM] ARE AFFECTING PORTIONS OF THE COAST OF [LOCATIONS]. THESE SWELLS ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING SURF AND RIP CURRENT CONDITIONS. PLEASE CONSULT PRODUCTS FROM YOUR LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Wind: When watches or warnings are in effect, give the expected times of onset of tropical storm and hurricane/typhoon force winds along the coast in general terms, such

as "this afternoon" or "tonight." Such statements should be general in nature and appropriately reflect forecast uncertainties.

Rainfall: NHC, CPHC, and WFO Guam will provide quantitative rainfall forecasts generally only when warnings are in effect. Identify the geographical area(s) at greatest risk, including inland areas. Include an estimate of the range of area-average amounts expected within the specified area(s), as well as an upper bound on the maximum spot values expected. In general, use storm-total values.

Tornadoes: When appropriate, provide information on the threat of tornadoes. Identify the geographic area(s) at greatest risk.

Other: When appropriate, highlight the inland impacts of tropical cyclones. This includes the threat of strong winds, heavy rainfall, flooding, and tornadoes. Mention actual occurrences of tornadoes, floods, and high winds and reference supporting warnings and statements from WFOs.

e. Next Advisory. This section identifies the scheduled issuance time and office responsible for the next regular tropical cyclone advisory and any intervening intermediate advisories. On a last advisory, identify the issuing office and product where subsequent information on the system remnants can be found.

When the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) is going to issue the next TCP on a system for which NHC has been providing TCPs, the final TCP from the NHC will carry a statement similar to..."THIS IS THE LAST PUBLIC ADVISORY ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ON THIS SYSTEM. FUTURE INFORMATION ON THIS SYSTEM CAN BE FOUND IN PUBLIC ADVISORIES ISSUED BY THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER...UNDER AWIPS HEADER TCPATn AND WMO HEADING WTNT3n KWNH...BEGINNING AT XX AM/PM EDT." See Section 6.6 for details on TCPs issued by the HPC.

When the Ocean Prediction Center is going to provide information on a tropical system which has been declared post-tropical by NHC, NHC's last TCP should carry a statement similar to... "THIS IS THE LAST PUBLIC ADVISORY ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ON XXX. FUTURE INFORMATION ON THIS SYSTEM CAN BE FOUND IN THE HIGH SEAS FORECASTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE... UNDER AWIPS HEADERS HSFATn AND WMO HEADINGS FZNT0n KWBC AND THE MARINE WEATHER DISCUSSION UNDER AWIPS HEADER MIMATN AND WMO HEADING AGNT40 KWNM...BEGINNING AT XX AM/PM EDT."

When the Tropical Analysis Forecast Branch (TAFB) is going to provide information on a tropical system which has been declared post-tropical by NHC, NHC's last TCP should carry a statement similar to..."THIS IS THE LAST PUBLIC ADVISORY ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ON XXX. FUTURE INFORMATION ON THIS SYSTEM CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFSHORE WATERS FORECASTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE...UNDER AWIPS HEADERS

OFFNTn AND WMO HEADINGS FZNT2n KNHC AND THE MARINE WEATHER DISCUSSION UNDER AWIPS HEADERS MIMATS AND WMO HEADINGS AGXX40 KNHC...BEGINNING AT XX AM/PM EDT".

For a tropical cyclone moving east to west across the International Dateline, CPHC will insert at the end of their last advisory/forecast, "THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER. THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED BY THE RSMC TOKYO. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE THE PUBLIC ADVISORIES ISSUED BY THE US NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE GUAM AND DOD WARNINGS ISSUED BY THE JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER."

For a tropical cyclone moving out of the WFO Guam AOR, WFO Guam will insert at the end of their last advisory/forecast, "THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE GUAM ON (storm name). FOR CONTINUED INFORMATION ON (storm name)...SEE JTWC BULLETINS UNDER WMO HEADER WTPN3n PGTW OR RSMC TOKYO BULLETINS UNDER WMO HEADER WTJP3n RJTD."

- f. General. Times in advisories should be local time of the affected area; however, local time and UTC should be used when noting the storm's location. For WFO Guam, use Chamorro Standard Time for all local times. All advisories will use statute miles and statute miles per hour. NHC, CPHC and WFO Guam, at their discretion, may use nautical miles, following statute miles and preceded by ellipsis, and knots, following miles per hour and preceded by ellipsis. NHC advisories should include the metric units of kilometers and kilometers per hour following the equivalent English units.
- 1.1.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII), Extensible Markup Language (XML), Wireless Markup Language (WML) and HyperText Markup Language (HTML).

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WTaaii cccc ddhhmm
TCPxxx

BULLETIN
(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME) ADVISORY NUMBER XX.
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

...HEADLINE...

TEXT
$$
FORECASTER NAME
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**Figure 1**. Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories Format See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, CP - Central Pacific

WP – western North Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

Note: WFO Guam will normally include the JTWC cyclone number in parentheses along with the name, once it is provided by RSMC Tokyo.

- 1.2 <u>Tropical Cyclone Forecasts/Advisories (TCM)</u>. NHC and CPHC will prepare TCMs for all tropical cyclones within their area of responsibility.
- 1.2.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCM provides critical tropical cyclone watch, warning, and forecast information for the protection of life and property.
- 1.2.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.2.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. ATCF system.
- 1.2.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. TCM is issued any time Public Advisory e or Special Public Advisory product is issued.
- 1.2.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. Issue TCMs at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC and with all Special Public Advisories.
- 1.2.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCMs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 1.2.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.2.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TCMs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.2.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.2.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCM MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER XX

- 1.2.3.3 <u>Content</u>. TCMs will contain appropriate information as shown in appendix A in a standard format. All forecast advisories will contain 12-, 24-, 36-, 48-, 72-, 96- and 120 hour forecast positions and 1-minute surface wind speeds (intensity) rounded to the nearest 5 knots. Also they will include 34- and 50-knot (four-quadrant) wind speed radii in nautical miles through 72 hours and 64-knot wind speed radii at 12-, 24-, and 36-hours. No position or wind speed will accompany the forecast of "dissipated." A standard statement indicating the uncertainty associated with the 96- and 120-hour forecast positions and forecast wind speeds will precede those two forecasts.
- 1.2.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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WTaa2i cccc ddhhmm
TCMxxx

(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER
XX.
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time UTC day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT
$$
FORECASTER NAME
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**Figure 2**. Tropical Cyclone Forecast/Advisories Format See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.3 <u>Tropical Cyclone Discussions (TCD)</u>. NHC and CPHC issue TCDs to explain forecaster's reasoning behind analysis and forecast of the tropical cyclone.
- 1.3.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCD is a primary tropical cyclone product explaining forecaster's reasoning behind analysis and the forecast for a tropical cyclone. It also provides 12-, 24-, 36-, 48-, 72-, 96-, and 120-hour tropical cyclone forecast positions and maximum sustained wind speed forecasts; other meteorological decisions; and plans for watches and warnings.
- 1.3.2 <u>Issuance Guidelines</u>
- 1.3.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. ATCF system.

- 1.3.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. TCD is issued any time a Public Advisory or Special Public Advisory product is issued.
- 1.3.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. Issue TCDs at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC and with all Special Public Advisories
- 1.3.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCDs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 1.3.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.3.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TCDs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.3.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.3.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCD MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) DISCUSSION NUMBER XX
- 1.3.3.3 <u>Content</u>. Discussions include prognostic reasoning; objective techniques employed; 12-, 24-, 36-, 48-, 72-, 96- and 120-hour tropical cyclone forecast points. No position or wind speed will accompany the forecast of "dissipated." Also provide maximum sustained wind speed forecasts for each forecast point; other meteorological decisions; and plans for watches and warnings.
- 1.3.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but is not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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WTaa4i cccc ddhhmm
TCDxxx

(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) DISCUSSION NUMBER XX.
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT
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FORECASTER NAME
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**Figure 3**. Tropical Cyclone Discussion Format See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.4 <u>Tropical Cyclone Updates (TCU)</u>.
- 1.4.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCU is an event-driven product which provides users with timely, succinct information on significant changes to tropical cyclone conditions.
- 1.4.2 <u>Issuance Guidelines</u>.
- 1.4.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF system.
- 1.4.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. TCUs are issued to inform users of unexpected changes in a tropical cyclone, such as to convey a significant change in the intensity, and/or to alert users a special advisory is about to be issued. The TCU may also be used to announce changes to international watches or warnings made by other countries, and to cancel U.S. watches or warnings. A TCU should only be used to issue a U.S. watch or warning if that TCU precedes a special advisory that will contain the same watch/warning information, and indicates the special advisory will be issued shortly. A TCU may also be used to provide timely information of an unusual nature, such as an announcement of the time and location of landfall.
- 1.4.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The TCUs are issued on an event-driven basis.
- 1.4.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCUs are valid at time of issuance until a subsequent TCU is issued or until the next scheduled or special TCP.
- 1.4.2.5 Product Expiration Time. Not applicable.
- 1.4.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TCUs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.4.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.4.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCU MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) UPDATE"
- 1.4.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The TCU is a brief alphanumeric text product using a block paragraph format. CPHC and NHC base the information contained within the TCU on latest available data from all sources with special reliance on aircraft reconnaissance and satellite data.

When a TCU is issued to change the status of a tropical cyclone (e.g., from a tropical storm to a hurricane), or to update storm intensity, location, or motion information, the TCU will include a storm summary section identical in format to the storm summary section found in the TCP. A TCU may be issued without a storm summary section to provide advance notice that significant changes to storm information will be conveyed shortly, either through a subsequent TCU or

through a Special Advisory. TCUs issued to convey changes to watches or warnings will not require a storm summary section.

1.4.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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WTaa6i cccc ddhhmm
TCUxxx

(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) UPDATE
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy
TEXT
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**Figure 4**. Tropical Cyclone Update Format See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.5 <u>Tropical Cyclone Position Estimates (TCE)</u>.
- 1.5.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This product ensures a continuous flow of information regarding the center location of a tropical cyclone when it nears the coast and thus provides up to date location information to emergency managers and other public officials.
- 1.5.2 Issuance Guidelines
- 1.5.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. ATCF system and AWIPS for WFO Guam.
- 1.5.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. TCEs will be issued between the 2-hourly intermediate public advisories. (Also see Section 1.1.2.3.b)
- 1.5.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. NHC and CPHC will issue TCEs between 2-hourly intermediate public advisories. WFO Guam will normally issue TCEs at one hour intervals. Transmit TCEs near the beginning of the hour.
- 1.5.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCEs are valid at time of issuance until a subsequent TCE is issued or until the next scheduled or special TCP.
- 1.5.2.5 Product Expiration Time. Not applicable.

- 1.5.3 Technical Description. TCEs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.5.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.5.3.2. <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCE MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) POSITION ESTIMATE."
- 1.5.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The TCE is a brief alphanumeric product containing information derived from WSR-88D radar or appropriate satellite data about tropical cyclone positions near coasts in latitude/longitude coordinates, distance, and direction from a well known point. Local weather offices will use this information in all official statements.
- 1.5.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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WTaa5i cccc ddhhmm
TCExxx

(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) POSITION ESTIMATE
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time_ zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT
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**Figure 5**. Tropical Cyclone Position Estimate

See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, CP - Central Pacific

WP - western North Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.6. Graphical Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities
- 1.6.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This graphical product portrays probabilistic surface wind speed information which will help users prepare for the potential of tropical storm or hurricane conditions.
- 1.6.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.6.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS.

- 1.6.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Product will be issued for all named tropical and subtropical cyclones in the Atlantic and north Pacific basins.
- 1.6.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The static graphic will be issued at approximately 03, 09, 15, and 21 UTC and for special advisories. The animated display will be available no earlier than 15 minutes following the issuance deadlines for routine advisories (03, 09, 15, and 21 UTC) and after special advisories.
- 1.6.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. Product is valid at time of issuance or until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 1.6.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.6.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. Graphical product.
- 1.6.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.6.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable.
- 1.6.3.3 <u>Content</u>. This product shows probabilities for three wind speed thresholds: 34, 50 and 64 knots. It provides cumulative probabilities through each 12 hour interval (e.g. 0 -12 hours, 0 24 hours, etc.) from 0 through 120 hours. They are available in graphical forms in static and animated displays. These wind speed probabilities are based on the track, intensity, and wind structure uncertainties in the official forecasts from the tropical cyclone centers.
- 1.6.3.4 Format. An example of a graphic can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml
- 1.7 Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities Text (PWS)
- 1.7.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This product portrays probabilistic wind speed information helping users prepare for the potential of tropical storm or hurricane conditions.
- 1.7.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.7.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF system.
- 1.7.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Product will be issued for all named or numbered tropical and subtropical cyclones in the Atlantic, East Pacific, Central Pacific, and western North Pacific basins.
- 1.7.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. These products will be issued at 03, 09, 15, and 21 UTC and with all special advisories.

- 1.7.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. Product is valid at time of issuance or until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 1.7.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.7.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The text probabilities will follow the format and content described in this section.

### 1.7.3.1 UGC Type.

- 1.7.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The PWS MND header product type line is: "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES NUMBER XX."
- 1.7.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The probabilities in this product are statistically based on the errors in the official track and intensity forecasts issued during the past five years by NHC and CPHC. Variability in tropical cyclone wind structure is also incorporated. New probability values are computed for each new official forecast issued by NHC or CPHC.

The first section of the product provides categorical maximum wind speed (intensity) probabilities at standard forecast hours (12, 24, 36, 48, 72, 96, and 120) for various intensity stages (dissipated, tropical depression, tropical storm and hurricane) and for the five categories on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. These probabilities apply to the maximum sustained surface wind associated with the cyclone, and not to winds that could occur at specific locations.

Probabilities for specific locations are provided in the second section for sustained wind speeds equal to or exceeding three wind speed thresholds: 34, 50 and 64 knots. Two types of probability values are provided in this table: individual period and cumulative. Individual period probabilities are provided for each of the following time intervals: 0-12 hours, 12-24 hours, 24-36 hours, 36-48 hours, 48-72 hours, 72-96 hours, and 96-120 hours. These individual period probabilities indicate the chance that the particular wind speed will *start* during each individual period at each location. Cumulative probabilities are produced for the following time periods: 0-12 hours, 0-24 hours, 0-36 hours, 0-48 hours, 0-72 hours, 0-96 hours, and 0-120 hours. These cumulative probabilities indicate the overall chance the particular wind speed will occur at each location during the period between hour 0 and the forecast hour.

#### 1.7.3.4 Format.

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FOaa5i cccc ddhhmm
PWSxxx

(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES
NUMBER X
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE) BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT
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**Figure 6**. Text Surface Wind Speed Probabilities See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.8 <u>Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning Product (TCV)</u>. The TCV is based upon the Valid Time Event Code (VTEC). It summarizes all new, continued, and cancelled tropical cyclone watches and warnings issued by the NHC for the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts, southern California coast, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. The CPHC will issue a TCV for the main islands of the State of Hawaii.
- 1.8.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This product provides users with a complete listing of all tropical cyclone watches and warnings.
- 1.8.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.8.2.1 Creation Software. Gempak N-AWIPS.
- 1.8.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. The product is issued each time a U. S. tropical cyclone watch and/or warning is issued, continued, or discontinued for all Atlantic, portions of the North East Pacific, and the North Central Pacific Ocean basin tropical cyclones.
- 1.8.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. These products will be issued with all routine, intermediate, and special advisories if United States watches or warnings are continued, posted, changed or canceled.
- 1.8.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. Product is valid at time of issuance or until the next scheduled issuance or update.

- 1.8.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Not more than 6 hours, or when superseded by the next update (generally 2 or 3 hours later.)
- 1.8.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. This text product will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.8.3.1 UGC Type. TCVs will use the segmented zone (Z) form of the UGC.
- 1.8.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCV MND header product type line is: "(NAME) WATCH/WARNING BREAKPOINTS/ ADVISORY NUMBER XX."
- 1.8.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The VTEC product will use three action codes:
  - -NEW is used when a watch or warning is first issued for a given geographic area. The geographic areas include the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the continental U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, southern California coast, and the main islands of the State of Hawaii. NEW is also used for upgrades and downgrades (e.g. Tropical Storm Warning, Tropical Storm Warning, Tropical Storm Warning to Hurricane Watch, etc.)
  - **-CON** is used if there are no changes in the watch/warning for a given geographic area **-CAN** is used to cancel an area if there is no longer a watch/warning in effect for the geographic area or if the watch/warning is upgraded/downgraded. (e.g. an area once under a Tropical Storm Warning is now under a Hurricane Warning: the VTEC will show the area as CAN for the Tropical Storm Warning and NEW for the Hurricane Warning)

The product will use official hurricane breakpoints and their latitude and longitude as defined in National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-605, Tropical Cyclone Official Defining Points and Geographic Defining Points. In rare instances, other supplemental breakpoints, with their latitude and longitude, could be used.

The VTEC event tracking number (ETN) will take the form of XNNN where X is the basin:

- 1 Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico
- 2 East Pacific
- 3 Central Pacific
- 4 western North Pacific (future)

NNN corresponds to the tropical cyclone identifier number. In tropical cyclone products, the tropical cyclone identifier number is found at the end of the product type line in the MND header. Not all identifier numbers will appear in a TCV since a TCV is issued only those for storms for which watches and/or warnings are issued. Thus the TCV ETNs may not be sequential.

#### 1.8.3.4 Format.

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WTNT8i KNHC ddhhmm
TCVxxx
(NAME) WATCH/WARNING BREAKPOINTS/ADVISORY NUMBER X
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy
.HURRICANE (NAME)
STZxxx-xxx-xxx-...-DDHHMM-
/O.AAA.KNHC.PP.S.####.YYMMDDTHHNNZb-00000T0000Z/
TIME AM/PM TIME ZONE DAY MMM DD YYYY
BREAKPOINT START
                                    XX.DDN {lat} YY.DD(W/E) {lon}
                                    XX.DDN {lat} YY.DD(W/E) {lon}
BREAKPOINT END
$$
STZxxx-xxx-...-DDHHMM
/O.AAA.KNHC.PP.S.####.YYMMDDTHHNNZb-00000T0000Z/
TIME AM/PM TIME ZONE DAY MMM DD YYY
BREAKPOINT START {etc}
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**Figure 7**. Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning Product See complete example in Appendix A. For VTEC details, see http://www.weather.gov/os/vtec.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.9 Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory (TCA).
- 1.9.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCA is intended to provide short-term tropical cyclone forecast guidance for international aviation safety and routing purposes.
- 1.9.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.9.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF

- 1.9.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Prepared by NHC and CPHC for all ongoing tropical and subtropical cyclone activity in their respective areas of responsibility. This requirement is stated in the World Meteorological Organization Region IV and Region V hurricane plans.
- 1.9.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC, and with all special advisories.
- 1.9.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. TCAs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 1.9.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update.
- 1.9.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TCAs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.9.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.9.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCA header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE)(NAME or NUMBER) ICAO ADVISORY #."
- 1.9.3.3 <u>Content</u>. TCAs list the current tropical cyclone position, motion and intensity, and 6-, 12-, 18- and 24-hour forecast positions and intensities. It is an alphanumeric text product produced by hurricane forecasters, and consists of information extracted and interpolated from the official forecasts. This forecast is produced from subjective evaluation of current meteorological and oceanographic data as well as output from numerical weather prediction models, and is coordinated with affected WFOs, the National Centers, and the Department of Defense.

### 1.9.3.4 Format.

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FKaa2i cccc ddhhmm
TCAxxx
(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) ICAO ADVISORY NUMBER ##
(ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE ) BBCCYYYY
time UTC day of week mon dd yyyy
TC ADVISORY
DTG:
TCAC:
TC:
NR:
PSN:
MOV:
C:
MAX WIND:
FCST PSN + 06 HR:
FCST MAX WIND + 06 HR:
FCST PSN + 12 HR:
FCST MAX WIND + 12 HR:
FCST PSN + 18 HR:
FCST MAX WIND + 18 HR:
FCST PSN + 24 HR:
FCST MAX WIND + 24 HR:
RMK
NXT MSG:
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Figure 8. Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory Format

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL BBCCYYYY)

Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

- 1.10 Tropical Cyclone Track and Watch/Warning Graphic.
- 1.10.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This product is a graphical representation of text products (TCP and TCM) issued by NHC, CPHC, and WFO Guam. It provides critical information on the forecast path of the tropical cyclone and watches/warnings.
- 1.10.2 <u>Issuance Guidelines</u>.
- 1.10.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS. PC for WFO Guam.

- 1.10.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Created when routine, intermediate and special TCPs are issued.
- 1.10.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The product is available on the internet at approximately 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC for the routine advisories. The graphic is also produced for intermediate and special advisories.
- 1.10.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. Valid from the time of issuance until the next routine issuance or by an intermediate or special advisory.
- 1.10.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.10.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The graphic will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.10.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.10.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable. Internet product.
- 1.10.3.3 Content. The Tropical Cyclone Track and Watch/Warning graphic contains the storm's forecast track, a cone along the track based upon the average area of uncertainty, and watches/warnings. The cone (solid white and hatched area) represents the probable track of the center of a tropical cyclone, and is formed by enclosing the area swept out by a set of circles along the forecast track (at 12, 24, 36 hours, etc). The size of each circle is set so that two-thirds of historical official forecast errors over a 5-year sample fall within the circle. This product is also issued for subtropical cyclones.

The coastal watches and warnings display shows an approximate representation of coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue) and tropical storm watch (yellow). The orange circle indicates the current position of the center of the tropical cyclone. A second version of this graphic includes a black line and dots to depict the NHC/CPHC forecast track of the center at the times indicated.

- 1.10.3.4 <u>Format</u>. Examples of the graphic can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml
- 1.11 Cumulative Wind Distribution Graphic
- 1.11.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This NHC product is a graphical representation of the past track and size of the storm. This information can be used to provide areas impacted by the past track of the storm.
- 1.11.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.11.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS

- 1.11.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Created when routine TCPs and TCMs are issued and for special advisories.
- 1.11.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The product is available on the Internet at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. The graphic is also produced for special advisories.
- 1.12.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. Valid from the time of issuance until the next routine issuance or by a special advisory.
- 1.11.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.11.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The graphic will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.11.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.11.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. An example of a graphic can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml
- 1.11.3.3 <u>Content</u>. This graphic shows how the size of the storm has changed, and the areas potentially affected so far by sustained winds of tropical storm force (in orange) and hurricane force (in red). The display is based on the wind radii contained in the set of Forecast/Advisories indicated at the top of the figure. Users are reminded the Forecast/Advisory wind radii represent the maximum possible extent of a given wind speed within particular quadrants around the tropical cyclone. As a result, not all locations falling within the orange or red swaths will have experienced sustained tropical storm- or hurricane-force winds, respectively.
- 1.12 Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Field Graphic
- 1.12.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. These NHC and CPHC graphics supplement text products by illustrating the area potentially affected by the tropical cyclone's sustained tropical storm and hurricane force winds at the initial advisory time. In addition to the wind field, the graphic provides an approximate representation of coastal areas under tropical storm/hurricane watches/warnings.
- 1.12.2 <u>Issuance Guidelines</u>.
- 1.12.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS
- 1.12.2.2. <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Created for each tropical cyclone in the Atlantic, Eastern Pacific, and Central Pacific basins.
- 1.12.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The product is available on the internet at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. The graphic is also produced for special advisories.

- 1.12.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. Valid from the time of issuance until the next routine issuance or by a special advisory.
- 1.12.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 1.12.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.12.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable. Internet product.
- 1.12.3.3 Content. Tropical storm-force winds are shown in orange and hurricane-force winds are shown in red. The display is based on the wind radii contained in the latest Forecast/Advisory (indicated at the top of the figure). Users are reminded that the Forecast/Advisory wind radii represent the maximum possible extent of a given wind speed within particular quadrants around the tropical cyclone. As a result, not all locations falling within the orange or red shaded areas will be experiencing sustained tropical storm- or hurricane-force winds, respectively. In addition to the wind field, this graphic shows an approximate representation of coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue) and tropical storm watch (yellow). The white dot indicates the current position of the center of the tropical cyclone, and the dashed black line shows the history of the center of the tropical cyclone.
- 1.12.3.4 Format. An example of the product can be found on the internet at:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml

- 1.13 Maximum Wind Speed Probability Table
- 1.13.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This NHC product provides probabilistic information for decision makers such as emergency managers.
- 1.13.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.13.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS
- 1.13.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Created when routine TCPs and TCMs are issued and for special advisories.
- 1.13.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The product is available on the internet at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. The graphic is also produced for special advisories.
- 1.13.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. Valid from the time of issuance until the next routine issuance or by a special advisory.
- 1.13.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.

- 1.13.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The table will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 1.13.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 1.13.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. Not applicable. Internet product.
- 1.13.3.3 <u>Content</u>. This product provides probabilities, in percent, for the maximum sustained (1-minute average) surface (10 meter elevation) wind speed of a tropical cyclone for various intensity categories. The NHC issues this product for tropical cyclones in the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific basins and for subtropical storms.

The probabilities in this product are statistically based on the errors in the official track and intensity forecasts issued during the past five years by NHC. The product provides maximum wind speed (intensity) probabilities at standard forecast hours (12, 24, 36, 48, 72, 96, and 120) for various stages of a tropical cyclone (dissipated, depression, tropical storm and hurricane) and for the five categories of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. The table also includes the official deterministic maximum wind speed (intensity) forecast in miles per hour (mph) for reference.

- 1.13.3.4 <u>Format</u>. An example of the table can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml
- 1.14 <u>Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge Probability Products</u>
- 1.14.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This series of NHC products provides probabilistic information for decision makers such as emergency mangers.
- 1.14.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 1.14.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS
- 1.14.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Created when a hurricane watch or hurricane warning is in effect for any portion of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts of the continental United States.
- 1.14.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The products are available on the internet approximately one hour after the issuance of routine NHC tropical cyclone advisories which are issued at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC.
- 1.14.2.4 Valid Times. Valid from the time of issuance until the next routine issuance.
- 1.14.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.

1.14.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The storm surge probabilities are based on an ensemble of Sea, Lake, and Overland Surge from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model runs using the NHC official advisory and account for track, size, and intensity errors based on historical errors. The product is a statistical combination of an ensemble of SLOSH model runs. All ensemble members are based on the current NHC tropical cyclone advisory. They take into account historical error characteristics by varying input parameters such as forward speed, cross track location, radius of maximum wind, and hurricane intensity.

The first series of products are cumulative probabilities from 2 through 25 feet (above normal tide levels at a given location during the hurricane) at intervals of one foot. These products are generated in .kmz format and displayed with a Google map interface. They are also generated as shape files.

The second series of products are identified as exceedance products, providing storm surge heights (in feet above normal tide level) and the probabilities, from 10 to 90 percent at 10 percent increments, of storm surge exceeding the displayed heights. Products are generated in .kmz format and displayed in as .png files. They are also generated as shape files.

- 1.14.3.1 UGC Type. Not applicable.
- 1.14.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable. Internet product.
- 1.14.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The storm surge products consist of graphics and GRIB2 files for creating the graphics for the Gulf of Mexico and the Eastern Atlantic coastal areas.
- 1.14.3.4 <u>Format</u>. An example of the graphics can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml
- 2. <u>Subtropical Cyclone Forecast and Advisory Products</u>
- 2.1 <u>Subtropical Cyclone Public Advisories (TCP)</u>. NHC will issue subtropical cyclone advisories. However, due to the lack of well-defined criteria for distinguishing subtropical from non-tropical lows, marginally-subtropical systems may be handled as non-tropical gale or storm centers in High Seas forecast products. Format and content of these products are similar to the public tropical cyclone advisory. (See appendix A for an example). Title the advisories "SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION (NUMBER)" and in the message body refer to the depression as "SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION (NUMBER)." If winds reach subtropical storm strength, the storm receives the next available name. Title the advisories "SUBTROPICAL STORM (NAME)" and in the body message refer to the storm as "SUBTROPICAL STORM (NAME)." Issue these advisories at the same scheduled times as public tropical cyclone advisories.
- 2.2 <u>Subtropical Cyclone Forecast/Advisory (TCM)</u>. Issue these advisories for all subtropical cyclones for which a TCP has been issued. Write the advisory in the same format and content as the tropical cyclone forecast/advisories. Title the advisories "SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION NUMBER" and in the message body refer to the depression as "SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION NUMBER." If winds reach subtropical storm strength, the storm receives the next available

name. Title the advisories "SUBTROPICAL STORM (NAME)" and in the body message body refer to the storm as "SUBTROPICAL STORM (NAME)." Issue these at the same times as scheduled tropical cyclone forecast/advisories.

3. <u>Special Advisories</u>. Special advisories are issued whenever an unexpected significant change has occurred or when watches or warnings are to be issued between regularly scheduled advisories. (Watches or warnings may be discontinued on intermediate public advisories.) When a special advisory is required, the entire advisory package will be issued, including a public advisory, a forecast/advisory, a tropical cyclone discussion, probabilistic winds products, and an ICAO/WMO tropical cyclone advisory. The Mass News Disseminator Header block is (TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) SPECIAL I (Product Type (e.g., PUBLIC ADVISORY, FORECAST ADVISORY, DISCUSSION, WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES, or AVIATION ADVISORY) Number xx. For example, TROPICAL STORM GUSTAV SPECIAL FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER 14.

When the special advisory is issued only for a watch or warning, it will contain the track and intensity forecast from the previous regularly scheduled advisory with only the initial position and intensity updated. When the special advisory is issued for an unexpected change, the previous track and intensity forecast will be updated to reflect the unexpected change.

- 4. <u>Numbering and Naming Tropical and Subtropical Cyclones.</u>
- Numbering and Naming Tropical Cyclones. NHC and CPHC will number tropical depressions in their areas of responsibility. Depression numbers are always spelled out (e.g. "ONE", "TWO", "THREE", etc.). Depression numbers are assigned to match the seasonal cyclone number, even if a previous cyclone has bypassed the depression stage. For example, if the first tropical cyclone of the season forms directly as a storm (e.g., a fast-moving tropical wave becomes a tropical storm without ever becoming a depression), then the depression number "ONE" would be skipped and not used until the following year. In the North Pacific, for ease in differentiation, tropical depression numbers, assigned by NHC or CPHC, will include the suffix "E" for eastern (east of 140°W) or "C," for central (180° to 140°W), respectively, after the number. In the Atlantic, eastern and central Pacific, once the depression reaches tropical storm intensity, NHC and CPHC will name it and drop the depression number. The depression number will not be used again until the following year. Give tropical cyclones a name in the first advisory after intensifying to 34 knots (39 mph) or greater. In the western North Pacific, once the depression is named by Regional Specialized Meteorological Center (RSMC) Tokyo, use the RSMC name followed by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) number in parentheses. If the JTWC upgrades the depression to tropical storm before the RSMC names it, the term Tropical Storm xxW will be used, where xxW is the JTWC tropical cyclone number.

The following rules apply for tropical cyclones passing from one basin to another: Retain the name if a tropical cyclone passes from one basin into another basin as a tropical cyclone, i.e. advisories are continuous. An unnamed tropical depression will also retain its number (e.g. Tropical Depression Six-E remains Tropical Depression Six-E) if it crosses into another area of responsibility. For unnamed tropical depressions moving from west to east across 180°, CPHC will use the associated JTWC number, and indicate JTWC in parentheses following the number.

For named systems, CPHC will use the associated RSMC Tokyo name and provide the associated JTWC number in parentheses.

Within a basin, if the remnant of a tropical cyclone redevelops into a tropical cyclone, it is assigned its original number or name. If the remnants of a former tropical cyclone regenerate in a new basin, the regenerated tropical cyclone will be given a new designation.

If NHC uses all of the names for a given year and another storm requires a name, the Greek alphabet will be used (Alpha, Beta, etc.)

- 4.2 <u>Numbering and Naming Subtropical Storms</u>. A single list of numbers and names will be used for all tropical and subtropical cyclones. Therefore, numbering of subtropical depressions will follow the same procedure as tropical depressions. For example, if the first subtropical depression follows the first tropical depression, the subtropical depression will be given the designation SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION TWO. If a subtropical depression becomes a subtropical storm, it receives the next available name in the tropical cyclone naming sequence.
- 5. <u>Numbering Advisories and Tropical/Subtropical Cyclone Discussions</u>. Number scheduled and special advisories and TCDs consecutively, beginning with the number 1 (not spelled out), for each new tropical or subtropical cyclone, and continue through the duration of the cyclone. In both the Atlantic and the Pacific, intermediate advisories and TCDs will retain the advisory number of the scheduled or special advisory they update and append an alphabetic designator (i.e., "HURRICANE ALLISON INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY NUMBER 20A").
- 6. Other Tropical Cyclone Centers and NCEP Products.
- 6.1 Satellite Interpretation Message (SIM).
- 6.1.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The SIM locates hazardous weather areas over land and sea, to locate obscured higher terrain, to describe general meteorological conditions, and to make plans for outdoor events, and other activities.
- 6.1.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.1.2.1 Creation Software. AWIPS.
- 6.1.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Issued by WFO Honolulu four times a day for the Hawaiian Islands, with updates as required. Issued by WFO Guam twice daily.
- 6.1.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. For Hawaii: 0030, 0530, 1230, and 1830 UTC. For WFO Guam: 0300 and 1500 UTC
- 6.1.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. SIMs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 6.1.2.5 Product Expiration Time. Generally should coincide with the next expected update.

- 6.1.3 Technical Description. SIMs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.1.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.1.3.2. <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The SIM MND header block product type line is "HAWAIIAN ISLANDS SATELLITE INTERPRETATION MESSAGE" or "SATELLITE INTERPRETATION MESSAGE."
- 6.1.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The SIM is an alphanumeric product providing an interpretation of synoptic weather features, significant weather areas, and various cloud and weather phenomena based upon satellite imagery (visual, infrared, water vapor, etc.). WFO Honolulu prepares the SIM for a portion of their AOR. The AORs for WFO Honolulu vary and depend upon the program (tropical cyclone, aviation, marine, public, and satellite). For the SIM program, WFO Honolulu's AOR is from 140°W to 180° and between 10°N and 30°N. WFO Guam's AOR is from 130°E to 180° between the equator and 25°N. WFOs Honolulu and Guam can include a description of more distant features if these features relate to significant weather affecting or will soon affect their AOR. WFOs Honolulu and Guam each determine the criteria for significant cloud features based on user inputs.

#### 6.1.3.4 Format.

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ATHW40 PHFO ddhhmm
SIMHI

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS SATELLITE INTERPRETATION MESSAGE
NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTERHONOLULU HI
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT

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ATPQ40 PGUM ddhhmm
SIMGUM

SATELLITE INTERPRETATION MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TIYAN GU
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN THE EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180

TEXT
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**Figure 9.** Satellite Interpretation Message Format

6.2 <u>Tropical Weather Discussion (TWD)</u>. NHC's TAFB will issue these discussions to describe major synoptic weather features and significant areas of disturbed weather in the tropics.

- 6.2.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This product is intended to provide current weather information for those who need to know the current state of the atmosphere and expected trends to assist them in their decision making. The product provides significant weather features, areas of disturbed weather, expected trends, the meteorological reasoning behind the forecast, model performance, and in some cases a degree of confidence.
- 6.2.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.2.2.1 Creation Software. AWIPS.
- 6.2.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. The product is issued routinely and updated if necessary, when significant changes occur, e.g., a tropical cyclone's intensity category is upgraded or downgraded.
- 6.2.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. One TAFB discussion will cover the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic between the equator and 32°N latitude and be transmitted at 0005, 0605, 1205, and 1805 UTC. A second TAFB message for the eastern Pacific between the equator and 32°N and east of 140°W will be transmitted at 0405, 1005, 1605, and 2205 UTC.
- 6.2.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TWDs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 6.2.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update.
- 6.2.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TWDs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.2.3.1 UGC Type. Not applicable.
- 6.2.3.2. <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TWD MND header block product type line is "TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION."
- 6.2.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The TWD product is an alphanumeric format and contains sections on Tropical Cyclones/Tropical Waves/Disturbances, the location of the Intertropical Convergence Zone and associated convection along it, surface/middle/upper level synoptic discussion, and significant clouds/convection. The product is written in a plain language format but will contain meteorological terms such as trough, ridge, subsidence, jet stream, etc.
- 6.2.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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Ataaii cccc ddhhmm
TWDxx

TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION
ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT

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FORECASTER NAME
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**Figure 10**. Tropical Weather Discussion Format See complete example in Appendix A.

- 6.3 <u>Tropical Weather Outlook (TWO)</u>. NHC and CPHC will prepare the TWO during their respective tropical cyclone seasons.
- 6.3.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TWO provides users with a general assessment of activity in the tropics, pertaining to tropical cyclone formation by providing to users possible areas where tropical cyclones could develop.
- 6.3.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.3.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF.
- 6.3.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Routinely during the tropical cyclone season. A Special Tropical Weather Outlook is issued when important changes in areas of disturbed weather over tropical or subtropical waters need to be conveyed before the next scheduled release of the TWO.
- 6.3.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. In the Atlantic, Eastern Pacific, and Central Pacific, transmission times are 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC.
- 6.3.2.4 Valid Time. TWOs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance.
- 6.3.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update.
- 6.3.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TWOs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.3.3.1 UGC Type. Not applicable.
- 6.3.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TWO MND header block product type line is "TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK" or "SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK."
- 6.3.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The outlook covers tropical and subtropical waters and discusses areas of disturbed weather and the potential for tropical cyclone development during the next 48 hours. The outlook will mention tropical and subtropical cyclones, including the system's location (in either general terms or map coordinates), status, and change in status. For the first 24 hours of a

tropical cyclone, the outlook will include a statement identifying the NWS product header and WMO headers for the advisory (see Appendix B).

For the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific hurricane basins, a graphical version of the product is also provided on the NHC web page. For the Central Pacific hurricane basin, a graphical version of the product is provided on the CPHC web page.

For the Atlantic, Eastern Pacific, and Central Pacific hurricane basins, the product will include a probability genesis forecast, to the nearest 10 percent, for the probability of tropical cyclone formation within the next 48 hours.

6.3.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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Ataaii cccc ddhhmm
TWOxxx

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK
ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE
time am/pm time_ zone day of week mon dd yyyy
TEXT
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**Figure 11**. Tropical Weather Outlook Message Format See complete example in Appendix A.

- 6.4 <u>Tropical Cyclone Summary Fixes (TCS)</u>.
- 6.4.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. This provides meteorological information to marine interests, military forecasters and national meteorological services of countries/members in the Pacific Ocean area by CPHC.
- 6.4.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.4.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. N-AWIPS.
- 6.4.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. When a tropical cyclone is classifiable using the Dvorak technique.
- 6.4.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. After the initial tropical cyclone fix, succeeding products will be done at approximately 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC as long as the system is classifiable.
- 6.4.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. TCSs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 6.4.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.

- 6.4.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TCSs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.4.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.4.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCS header block product type line is "CENTRAL PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY FIXES" or "SOUTH PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY FIXES."
- 6.4.3.3 <u>Content</u>. TCS is an alphanumeric product provided by CPHC when there is classifiable (using the Dvorak technique) tropical cyclone activity in the central north or south Pacific. The TCS is a satellite-based estimate of tropical cyclone location, movement, and intensity with a brief remarks section. CPHC prepares TCS for a portion of their AOR. The AORs for CPHC/Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Honolulu (CPHC is collocated with the Weather Forecast Office Honolulu) varies depending upon the program (tropical cyclone, aviation, marine, public, and satellite). For TCS program, CPHC's AOR is the area north of the equator between 140°W 160°E and from the equator to 25°S between 120°W to 160°E.

## 6.4.3.4 Format.

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TXPaii cccc ddhhmm
TCSxxx

CENTRAL PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY - FIXES or
SOUTH PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY - FIXES
NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER HONOLULU HI
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT
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Figure 12. Tropical Cyclone Summary - Fixes Format

- 6.5 Tropical Cyclone Danger Area Graphic
- 6.5.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The product is used to assist mariners and military agencies in avoiding high seas associated with tropical cyclones. Also, it provides guidance to users on possible tropical cyclone genesis.
- 6.5.2 Issuance Guidelines
- 6.5.2.1 Creation Software. N-AWIPS.
- 6.5.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Routinely prepared by NHC/TAFB and CPHC during the tropical cyclone season for all on-going tropical cyclone activity in their respective areas of responsibility.
- 6.5.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The product is disseminated four times per day during the hurricane season within one hour after the advisory package issuance. This would be at 0400, 1000, 1600 and 2200 UTC.

- 6.5.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. Tropical Cyclone Danger Area graphic is valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 6.5.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update.
- 6.5.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. The Tropical Cyclone Danger Area graphic will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.5.3.1 UGC Type. Not applicable.
- 6.5.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable.
- 6.5.3.3 Content. The Tropical Cyclone Danger Area is an NHC/TAFB graphical marine product depicting a tropical cyclone's track (out to 72 hours) and shades in a danger area determined by adding 100, 200, and 300 nautical miles plus the 34-knot wind radii to the 24-, 48-, and 72- hour forecast position respectively in the Atlantic and east Pacific. In addition, areas of possible tropical cyclone genesis with a 30 percent or greater chance of formation out to 48 hours are included. The area of possible formation is depicted on the graphic as a circular, rectangle, oval, or polygon shaped area. The product is prepared by the NHC/TAFB and covers the entire Atlantic north of the equator and the Pacific north of the equator from the Mexican and Central American coasts west to 140°W. CPHC prepares a separate chart for 140°W to 180° and north of the equator.
- 6.5.3.4 <u>Format</u>. An example of a graphic can be found on the internet at: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/abouttafbprod.shtml
- 6.6 <u>Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) Public Advisories (TCP)</u>
- 6.6.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. Provides users with meteorological information, primarily the potential of heavy rain and flash flooding, from decaying subtropical or tropical systems which have moved inland.
- 6.6.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.6.2.1 Creation Software. Word Processor
- 6.6.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. The HPC will issue public advisories after NHC discontinues its advisories on subtropical and tropical cyclones that have moved inland in the conterminous United States or Mexico, but still pose a threat of heavy rain and flash floods in the conterminous United States or Mexico. The last NHC advisory will normally be issued when winds in an inland tropical cyclone drop below tropical storm strength, and the tropical depression is not forecast to regain tropical storm intensity or re-emerge over water. Therefore HPC will only handle tropical depressions or remnants. HPC advisories will terminate when the threat of flash flooding has ended.

- 6.6.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. Advisories are issued at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC.
- 6.6.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. TCPs are valid from the time of issuance until the next scheduled issuance or update.
- 6.6.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 6.6.3 Technical Description. TCPs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.6.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.6.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TCP MND header block product type line is (TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) ADVISORY NUMBER XX

The HPC Tropical Cyclone Types are: Tropical Depression Subtropical Depression Post-tropical Cyclone Remnants of

- 6.6.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The TCP is an alphanumeric product. TCP products issued by HPC will continue to be numbered in sequence following the tropical cyclone advisories issued by NHC Content will be less structured than the NHC TCP products, and will refer to the decaying system's position, intensity, general forecast trends, highlight impacts which occurred and are expected to occur (usually in relation to heavy rain/flooding and tornadoes), and indicate when the next summary will be issued. A table at the end of the message will provide forecast latitude and longitude of the remnant low.
- 6.6.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML.

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WTNT3i KWNH ddhhmm
TCPATc
(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) ADVISORY NUMBER XX
NWS HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD BBCCYYYY
time am/pm time_ zone day of week mon dd yyyy
TEXT
SZATANEK/BANN
FORECAST POSITIONS
INITIAL
             25/2100Z 29.0N 77.4W
1NITIAL
12HR VT
24HR VT
36HR VT
48HR VT
             26/0600Z 33.1N 72.6W
             26/1800Z 39.4N 65.2W
             27/0600Z 43.1N 58.2W
             27/1800Z...DISSIPATED
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**Figure 13**. HPC Public Advisory Product Format See complete example in Appendix A.

NOTE: As part of the header, a coded string will be appended at the end of the "ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE" line. (Example: NWS HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD BBCCYYYY)

#### Format:

where: (BB) is the basin AL - North Atlantic, EP - East Pacific, or CP - Central Pacific

where: (CC) is the cyclone number (01, 02, 03,...49)

where: (YYYY) is the 4 digit year.

## 6.7 Tropical Weather Summary (TWS)

- 6.7.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. These products are used by a variety of users for historical purpose, business (e.g. insurance) and climatological needs.
- 6.7.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 6.7.2.1 Creation Software. ATCF.
- 6.7.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Monthly.
- 6.7.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. Summaries are issued on the first day of each month from June through December for the Eastern Pacific and from July through December for the Atlantic and Central Pacific hurricane basins. The last TWS of the tropical cyclone season (December issuance) covers activity during the entire season from June through the end of November.
- 6.7.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. Not applicable.

- 6.7.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.7.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. TWSs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.7.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.7.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The TWS MND header block product type line is "TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY."
- 6.7.3.3 Content. The TWS is a monthly alphanumeric product which the NHC and CPHC issue to summarize tropical cyclone activity during the previous month. NHC issues summaries which cover tropical cyclone activity over the Atlantic and eastern North Pacific (north of the equator and east of 140°W) basins. CPHC issues summaries which cover tropical cyclone activity over the central North Pacific (north of the equator between 140°W and 180°). The product provides a table of basic meteorological statistics, such as the dates of occurrence and estimated peak intensity, for all of the season's tropical cyclones to date. It may contain brief descriptions for records of interest. Monthly updates permit a timely release of tropical cyclone information. In addition to the TWS, NHC and CPHC prepare and submit formal, detailed end-of-season tropical cyclone reports which involves a lengthy review and publication process, providing comprehensive information on each tropical cyclone, including synoptic history, meteorological statistics, casualties and damages, and the post-analysis best track six-hourly positions and intensities.

## 6.7.3.4 Format.

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Ataaii cccc ddhhmm
TWSxx

TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY
ISSUING OFFICE CITY STATE
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy
TEXT
$$
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**Figure 14**. Tropical Weather Summary Format

- 6.8 Tropical Cyclone Reports (TCR).
- 6.8.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The TCR is the official record of each tropical cyclone within NHC's and CPHC's respective areas of responsibility and documents each storm's intensity (wind and pressure) and location throughout its lifetime. These detailed reports are used by various users for research, NWS verification and historical purposes.

## 6.8.2 Issuance Guidelines.

- 6.8.2.1 Creation Software. Word Processor
- 6.8.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. Not applicable
- 6.8.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. The report will be released as soon as practical after the last advisory on each tropical cyclone.
- 6.8.2.4 Valid Times. Not applicable.
- 6.8.2.5 Product Expiration Time. Not applicable.
- 6.8.3 Technical Description. TCRs will follow the format and content described in this section.
- 6.8.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 6.8.3.2 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable. Internet product.
- 6.8.3.3 Content. The TCR is a post-event overview of a tropical cyclone comprised of a narrative describing the overall storm and a detailed listing of 6-hourly location and intensity data in both text and graphic format. NHC issues TCRs for tropical cyclone activity in the Atlantic and eastern North Pacific (north of the equator and east of 140°W) basins. CPHC issues TCRs for tropical cyclone activity in the Central North Pacific (north of the equator between 140°W and 180°). A single report will be jointly issued for systems that were tropical cyclones in both the Eastern and Central Pacific basins. The tropical cyclone report will include landfall and 6-hourly synoptic track and intensity data (i.e. the "best track"). NHC will post reports on the Internet at www.nhc.noaa.gov/pastall.shtml and CPHC at www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc. Reviews at CPHC will be conducted by the director and deputy director of CPHC, warning coordination meteorologist and hurricane program leader.
- 6.8.3.4 <u>Format</u>. This product is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and (HTML).
- 7. WFO Products.
- 7.1 <u>Hurricane/Typhoon Local Statements (HLS)</u>. The HLS is the local WFO, multi-purpose, segmented product that coastal and select inland WFOs (see Section 7.1.2.2) will use to issue tropical cyclone watches and warnings for geographic zones within their county/parish warning area (CWA) and/or marine area of responsibility (MAOR), if applicable.

The HLS is a common source of textual information to simultaneously communicate information to diverse user types (media, key decision makers, and the public). It provides decision-making support for local authorities with generalized and specific tropical cyclone information from a CWA perspective, as well as from a local county perspective.

The HLS should contain watch/warning information, protective action information from local officials, meteorological impact information, and meteorological conditions.

The HLS consists of two components: Overview Block and Universal Geographic Code (UGC)/Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) formatted segments.

Overview Block The Overview Block provides users generalized tropical cyclone information that is relative to the entire CWA/MAOR.

UGC/VTEC formatted segments - The segment headers build on the Overview Block to provide users detailed tropical cyclone information for specific zones within a CWA/MAOR...

Information contained in the HLS will be relevant and should be expressed in a concise and succinct manner with limited redundancy.

7.1.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The HLS is the primary WFO product for providing critical information for the protection of life and property and to minimize the economic and environmental losses associated with tropical cyclones and their impacts. The WFOs detailed in Section 7.1.2.2 will issue the HLS. The HLS is the WFO product vehicle to provide and issue all tropical cyclone watches and warnings. Specifically, the HLS conveys tropical cyclone watches and warnings issued by the national tropical cyclone forecast center, and the HLS is used to issue tropical cyclone watches and warnings for inland zones and the WFO's MAOR.

## 7.1.2 Issuance Guidelines.

- 7.1.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. AWIPS Graphical Hazard Generator (GHG). (For WFO Guam areas outside of the AWIPS graphics domain in Micronesia, by PC.)
- 7.1.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. The national center issuance of a Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory (TCP) precedes the issuance of an HLS. HLSs should not be issued for systems that have yet to be formally recognized by the national center through formal advisories.

Before the first HLS, the use of Public Information Statements (PNSs) is encouraged to inform the public on routine hurricane preparedness information. Special Weather Statements (SPSs) may also be used to address rumors associated with systems for which the national center is not yet writing advisories. Hazardous Weather Outlooks (HWOs) may be used to address peripheral weather of concern until the national center issues the first advisory or (if necessary) before the initial issuance of local tropical cyclone watches/warnings from active systems.

The following coastal WFOs will issue HLSs when their area of responsibility is subject to a tropical cyclone watch/warning or evacuation orders. In addition, HLSs may also be issued as needed to dispel rumors or to clarify tropical cyclone-related information for their CWA. WFOs have the option to additionally include coastal, inland, or marine zones in the HLS not affected by a tropical cyclone watch or warning.

Coastal WFOs are defined as those having at least one county with significant tidal influences. They are:

Eastern RegionSouthern RegionWestern RegionCaribou, MEBrownsville, TXSan Diego, CA

Portland, ME Corpus Christi, TX Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA Boston, MA Houston/Galveston, TX

New York City, NY

Philadelphia, PA

Baltimore, MD/Washington, DC

Lake Charles, LA

New Orleans, LA

Honolulu, HI

Guam

Wakefield, VA Tallahassee, FL WSO Pago Pago, American Samoa

Newport/Morehead City, NC
Wilmington, NC
Charleston, SC

Miami, FL
Key West, FL
Melbourne, FL

Jacksonville, FL San Juan, PR

The inland WFOs listed below will issue tropical cyclone watches and warnings via the HLS when hurricane or tropical storm force winds are expected to impact their area of responsibility.

Albany, NY (selected counties)
Albuquerque, NM Huntsville, AL Nashville, TN

Amarillo, TX Jackson, MS Norman, OK
Atlanta, GA Little Rock, AR San Angelo, TX
Austin/San Antonio, TX Lubbock, TX Shreveport, LA
Birmingham, AL Memphis, TN Tulsa, OK

El Paso, TX Midland, TX
Fort Worth, TX Morristown, TN

The inland WFOs listed in Section 7.2 will not issue the HLS and will instead use the NPW products when hurricane or tropical storm force winds from a tropical cyclone are expected to impact their area of responsibility.

## 7.1.2.3 Issuance Times.

a. **Initial issuance by coastal WFOs:** The initial HLS for a coastal WFO should be issued as soon as possible following the first issuance of a tropical storm/hurricane watch/warning for the WFO's area of responsibility by the national tropical cyclone forecast center. WFO Guam will issue each HLS one hour after the Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory is issued.

Note: An HLS cannot be issued prior to the release of the initial national center's advisory for a given system.

When a new tropical cyclone watch or warning is issued for one or more (inland, coastal, or marine) zones in a coastal WFO's area of responsibility, an "abbreviated HLS" will be issued to expedite the release of time-sensitive alerting information for the newly added zones. This shortened version will contain all mandatory components and sections of the HLS and headline the issuance of all new tropical cyclone watches and warnings within corresponding segments. The "abbreviated HLS" should state "a more detailed statement will follow shortly." The

issuance of an "abbreviated HLS" will minimize the delay between the national center's issuance of the Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning (TCV) product and the coastal WFO's issuance of tropical cyclone watches and warnings via the HLS. Note that only the information contained within newly added zone segments will be abbreviated.ance. See the example on Appendix page A-25 for an "abbreviated HLS". Following the issuance of the "abbreviated HLS," coastal WFOs will initiate and issue a comprehensive HLS (see the example on Appendix page A-27).

<u>Initial issuance by inland WFOs:</u> The initial HLS, with associated tropical storm watches or warnings, for the inland WFOs listed in Section 7.1.2.2 should be issued when tropical storm or hurricane force winds are expected to impact their area of responsibility within 48 hours (watches) to 36 hours (warnings).

b. Subsequent updates: HLSs should be updated upon release of an advisory from the tropical cyclone centers, or may be updated for operationally significant changes. However, do not release an HLS immediately before the official release of a national center advisory unless information is coordinated ahead of time.

c. Final: Routine HLSs may cease when the tropical cyclone is no longer a threat to an office's CWA/MAOR and/or when all local tropical cyclone watches/warnings are no longer in effect for the CWA/MAOR. However, WFOs have the option to continue to issue HLS products for subwarning tropical cyclone impacts utilizing the HU.S VTEC in the segment headers, as long as NHC continues to issue active tropical cyclone advisories on the particular storm.

After the final HLS issuance, a Public Information Statement (PNS) may be used to relay critical post-storm information.

- 7.1.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. HLSs are valid at the time of issuance and until a subsequent HLS is issued, or when tropical cyclone watches and /or warnings are no longer in effect for the local area. During an event, HLSs are issued at least once every 6 hours. The approximate time of the next update is to be indicated within the body of the product text.
- 7.1.2.5 <u>Event Beginning Time</u>. Given the inherent uncertainties with forecasting tropical cyclones, an event beginning time is not explicitly provided. (WFO Guam does not issue P-VTEC outside of the AWIPS graphics domain.)
- 7.1.2.6 Event Ending Time. Given the inherent uncertainties with forecasting tropical cyclones, an event ending time is not explicitly provided.
- 7.1.2.7 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Generally 6 hours after the issuance time and should coincide with the next expected update or when the event is forecast to end.
- 7.1.3 <u>Technical Description</u>. HLSs will follow the prescribed format and content described in this section.
- 7.1.3.1 UGC Type. HLSs will use the zone (Z) form of the UGC.

7.1.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The HLS MND header block product type line is "(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME or NUMBER) LOCAL STATEMENT." Appropriate product type line options are:

Hurricane (Name) or Typhoon (Name) Local Statement Tropical Storm (Name) Local Statement Tropical Depression (Number) Local Statement Subtropical Storm (Name) Local Statement Subtropical Depression (Number) Local Statement Post-tropical Storm (Name) Local Statement Remnants of (Name) Local Statement

WFO Guam will include the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) tropical cyclone number in parentheses once as name is provided by Regional Specialized Meteorological Center (RSMC) Tokyo.

7.1.3.3 <u>Content</u>. The HLS content is organized in two separate parts. The first part is known as the Overview Block and contains generalized tropical cyclone information relative to a WFO's area of responsibility. The second part contains UTC/VTEC formatted segments which expand on the information presented in the Overview Block and provides users detailed tropical cyclone information for specific zones within a CWA/MAOR.

Note that because of the unique areas of responsibility for the Pacific Region offices, their HLSs will not contain the Overview Block.

Content should always focus on the most impacting hazards, describing the most threatened areas, along with the associated peak magnitude, timing, and duration of each hazard.

HLSs will use tropical cyclone position information according to the latest advisory, or according to position estimates provided by the national center between advisories (when appropriate). Distance/bearing information should be provided relative to well-known locations or landmarks, with at least one located within the WFO's area of responsibility.

When tropical cyclones threaten the Samoas (American Samoa and Samoa), the two local offices will coordinate with RSMC Nadi, CPHC, and with each other to determine the best integrated and internally consistent forecast of conditions expected in the area.

Wording may be added to the end of the HLS describing where additional storm information can be found within the supporting national center's TCP and TCM products, as well as PNSs and NOWs (Short Term Forecasts) issued by the local office.

## 7.1.3.4 Format.

The HLS is available in industry standard encoding and languages, and may include, but not limited to, ASCII, XML, WML and HTML

Important note: Many private sector vendors parse and scroll HLS section information. The vendor's software will key in on the headlines in each VTEC segment, using the ellipsis (...) at the beginning and ending of each headline. NWR broadcasts of the HLS are also connected to the exact formatting of the HLS. Therefore, maintaining format consistency (ellipses, carriage returns, exact section wording) of the HLS information is essential.

## OVERVIEW BLOCK OF THE HLS

The intent of the Overview Block is to describe the expected evolution for the event relative to a WFO's CWA/MAOR and to describe expected meteorological impacts and conditions across the affected areas. The Overview block and associated sections is mandatory. Effective use of the Overview Block will help decrease the overall length of the HLS (so common information is not repeated in each VTEC segment) and promotes increased product compatibility with NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) and other automated systems.

After the headline(s), the Overview Block begins with a mandatory New Information section. The other section headers in the Overview Block are also mandatory and occur in a standardized order. The section headers will automatically be generated by the Graphical Hazards Generator (GHG) in the Graphical Forecast Editor (GFE) via the HLS Formatter. Each section header is preceded by one dot and followed by three dots. In the Overview Block, the section headers and their associated content will always be listed in the same order and always present within each HLS issuance.WFOs will not add any additional section headers to those listed below.

## .NEW INFORMATION...(mandatory)

Concisely list what is new. If applicable, state "NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES."

## .AREAS AFFECTED...(mandatory)

Details of which counties/parishes or cities are included in the HLS. At the WFO's discretion, this may simply be described in general terms or with the degree of specificity needed for the event.

## .WATCHES/WARNINGS...(mandatory)

Watches and warnings in effect and counties/parishes to which they apply.

The watches and warnings will be ordered, primarily by warning type and secondarily by location, as follows:

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HURRICANE WARNING...FOR COASTAL AND/OR INLAND ZONES
HURRICANE WARNING...FOR MARINE ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WARNING AND HURRICANE WATCH...FOR COASTAL
AND/OR INLAND ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WARNING AND HURRICANE WATCH...FOR MARINE
ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WARNING...FOR COASTAL AND/OR INLAND ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WARNING...FOR MARINE ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WATCH...FOR COASTAL AND/OR INLAND ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WATCH...FOR MARINE ZONES
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## .STORM INFORMATION...(mandatory)

Present location, movement, and winds. Use the tropical cyclone forecast/advisory as guidance. Forecast trend information may also be provided.

## .SITUATION OVERVIEW...(mandatory)

The mandatory Situation Overview section of ths HLS concisely describes, in general terms, the tropical cyclone's meteorological hazards (peak values, generalized onset/duration times and locations) and projected forecast track in relation to the WFO's CWA/MAOR.

## .PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...(mandatory)

This section may contain general protective action information as well as an overview of significant protective actions underway within the CWA/MAOR. Significant protective actions may include recommendations, announcements, or evacuation information for the general public provided by local or state officials. Listing these actions is particularly important once a tropical cyclone watch or warning is announced.

Much of the protective action information contained in this section can be coordinated with local and state officials both before an event (general protective action statements), and during an event (significant protective actions).

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## ..NEXT UPDATE...(mandatory)

This section provides a quick sentence stating the approximate time when the next HLS will be issued.

# **UGC/VTEC SEGMENTS OF THE HLS**

After the Overview Block, the HLS contains UGC/VTEC formatted segments. The information conveyed in the UGC/VTEC segements is more detailed and unique, relative to a specific zone or group of zones, and expands on the information contained in the Overview.

The number of segments will vary depending on the geographic area potentially impacted and the tropical cyclone watches and warnings in effect.

Each UGC/VTEC segment will contain a mandatory headline(s) and optional section headers. The optional section headers within each UTC/VTEC segment should provide detailed and specific tropical cyclone hazard/impact information for the geographical zone grouping.

The HLS will contain tropical cyclone watches and warnings for the coastal marine zones, coastal land zones, and the inland zones. The VTEC phenomena codes used are:

EVENT NAME	<u>PHENOMENA CODE</u>		
TROPICAL STORM	TR		
HURRICANE	HU		
TYPHOON	TY		

The VTEC Significance codes for the HLS are:

Warning W Watch A Statement S

The /S/ significance code may be issued, as deemed necessary by a WFO, to address rumors or other storm-related issues, for those zones not currently under a tropical cyclone watch or warning. An HLS containing only HU.S segments is preceded by a national center TCP product.

The Event Tracking Number (ETN) for tropical cyclone watches and warnings in all zones (inland, coastal, marine) is assigned through the basin's storm number in the coded string found in the Issuing Office Line of NHC's Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory (TCP) product. Thus, the ETN in the National Center's Tropical Cyclone Valid Time Event Code (TCV) product is the same as the ETNs in the HLS. If the National Center has not issued a TCV product but has issued a TCP product, and the WFO issues tropical cyclone watches and warnings for marine zones only, then the ETN for WFO-issued watches/warnings is also assigned from the basin's storm number in the aforementioned coded string of the TCP.

# ...HEADLINE(s)...(mandatory)

Each segment headline begins and ends with ellipses (three dots). Segment headlines are mandatory and will be generated by the GHG in the GFE (with the exception of segments associated with HU.S). The headlines will be based on the corresponding VTEC code values in each segment. At least one headline is provided in each VTEC segment. The number and type of headlines to be generated is based on the combination of VTEC coding and forecaster determinations for zone groupings.

After the mandatory segment headlines, a series of optional sections (with headers) are presented. Section headers begin and end with ellipses (three dots). Additionally, WFOs retain the option to use a non-specific section header for other hazards not explicitly covered by the section headers listed below.

## ...NEW INFORMATION...(optional)

New and vital information specific to the segment which you wish to bring to the attention of users. If present, New Information will always be the first section header.

## ...PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...(optional)

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

The protective actions outlined in the overview block precautionary/preparedness actions section may be expanded upon here to provide further detail for a specific area of concern if necessary. This section should contain mainly significant protective actions issued by local and state officials. General protective action information should remain in the overview block, and need not be repeated in the individual VTEC segment precautionary/preparedness actions sections.

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## ...PROBABILITY TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS...(optional)

Information on probability of hurricane/typhoon/tropical storm conditions.

## ...WINDS...or ...WINDS AND SEAS...if marine segment (optional)

WFOs should provide information about the potential impacts of forecast winds. Supporting information should include the anticipated time of onset of tropical storm/hurricane/typhoon force winds, peak winds and gusts, as well as the approximate duration and cessation. Wind speed values should be expressed in appropriate ranges relative to the magnitude of the storm (40 to 50 mph instead of 45 mph). Timing of winds and their impacts should be in ranges or general terms such as "afternoon" or "evening". Ensure the information is consistent with national guidance.

# ...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE... (optional)

WFOs should provide information about the potential impacts of forecast storm surge and storm tide. Supporting information should include the anticipated time of onset of the storm surge and storm tide, as well as peak heights. Heights should be expressed in appropriate ranges relative to the magnitude of the surge and tide (8 to 12 feet above ground level). Timing of values and their impacts should be in ranges or general terms such as "afternoon" or "evening". Ensure the information is consistent with national guidance. WFOs will reference storm surge and storm tide relative to height above ground level (inundation) consistent with NHC wording in the NHC product. Additionally, WFOs may use other vertical datum references such as Mean Sea Level (MSL) and/or Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

# ...INLAND FLOODING...(optional)

Highlight the threat of flash flooding and rapid inundation relative to the zone or zone group as a result of heavy rain. Consider guidance as provided by the Hydrometeorological Predication Center and regional River Forecast Center.

# ...TORNADOES...or ...TORNADOES AND WATERSPOUTS... if marine segment (optional)

Highlight the threat of tornadoes or waterspouts relative to the zone or zone group. Consider guidance as provided by the Storm Prediction Center.

## ...(Non-specific section header - Substitute appropriate header)...

The section is optional. WFOs may address other hazards specific to their area for the event (e.g., rip currents).

## CALL-TO-ACTION STATEMENTS IN THE HLS

Generic tropical cyclone Call-To-Action statements (CTAs) have been baselined into the AWIPS Graphical Hazards Generation (GHG) application. The CTAs have been organized to describe the expected or potential impacts, given the expected wind speed and/or storm surge, from a given magnitude tropical storm/hurricane. Localization of the CTAs is recommended in areas where effects to certain native vegetation (e.g. palm trees), local building characteristics (e.g. lanai screens, skyscrapers), bathymetry, etc. will enhance impacts.

In addition, the relative infrequency of extreme magnitude winds/surge may require some local CTA re-wording. CTAs for extreme events (e.g. Category 4 or 5 hurricanes) should be used only for these events. Use of phrases such as "certain death" have not been included in the baseline CTAs, but may be inserted if the extreme nature of the event warrants. However, forecasters should carefully consider the potential benefits before including such deterministic wording.

The overall format of the HLS follows:

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Wtaaii cccc ddhhmm
HLSxxx
URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED
(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME OR NUMBER) LOCAL STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CITY, STATE
time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy
...<Overview headline statement>...(optional)
.NEW INFORMATION... (mandatory)
.AREAS AFFECTED... (mandatory)
.WATCHES/WARNINGS... (mandatory)
.STORM INFORMATION...(mandatory)
.SITUATION OVERVIEW...(mandatory)
.PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... (mandatory)
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
& &
.NEXT UPDATE.... (mandatory)
stZ001-005>015 (or marine GMZxxx-xxx) ddhhmm-
/k.aaa.cccc.pp.ss####.yymmddThhnnZ-00000T0000Z/
Zone-zone-zone-
Time am/pm time zone day mon dd yyyy
...HEADLINE... (mandatory)
...NEW INFORMATION...(optional)
... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... (optional)
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
... PROBABILITY TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS... (optional)
...WINDS... or ...WINDS AND SEAS... for marine segment (optional)
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...TORNADOES... or ...TORNADOES AND WATERSPOUTS... for marine segment
(optional)
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stZ001-005>015 (or marine GMZxxx-xxx) ddhhmm-
/k.aaa.cccc.pp.ss####.yymmddThhnnZ-00000T0000Z/
Zone-zone-zone-
Time am/pm time zone day mon dd yyyy
... HEADLINE... (mandatory)
... NEW INFORMATION ... (optional)
... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... (optional)
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
... PROBABILITY TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS... (optional)
...WINDS... or ...WINDS AND SEAS... for marine segment (optional)
...INLAND FLOODING...(optional)
...TORNADOES... or ...TORNADOES AND WATERSPOUTS...for marine segment
(optional)
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**Figure 15.** Hurricane Local Statement format See complete examples in Appendix A.

## 7.1.4 Relationship of HLSs to other WFO-issued advisory/watch/warning products

Four tables follow to clarify WFO product issuance actions once an HLS, carrying tropical cyclone watches and/or warnings, has been issued for their CWA.

Table 1A. – Defines the products issued and those discontinued at <u>coastal</u> WFOs when tropical cyclone watches and warnings, issued via the HLS, are in effect for their CWA/MAOR. Table 1B. – Defines the products issued and those discontinued at <u>inland</u> WFOs listed in Section 7.1.2.2 when tropical cyclone watches and warnings, issued via the HLS, are in effect for their CWA.

Table 2. – Defines recommended WFO actions to take when NHC begins issuance of tropical cyclone advisories for the CWA when CFW products are currently in effect.

Table 3. – Defines recommended WFO actions to take when NHC begins issuance of tropical cyclone advisories for the CWA when MWW products are currently in effect.

Table 1A. - Coastal WFO Product Table

Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning in Effect – Coastal WFOs			
Product	Product Issuance – Yes / No		
Hurricane Local Statement (HLS)	Yes		
Tornado Warning (TOR)	Yes		
Extreme Wind Warning (EWW)	Yes		
Severe Thunderstorm Warning (SVR)	Yes (See condition 1)		
Special Marine Warning (SMW)	Yes (See condition 2)		
Severe Weather Statement (SVS)	Yes		
Special Weather Statement (SPS)	No		
Marine Weather Statement (MWS)	Yes (See condition 2)		
Non-Precipitation Weather (NPW)	No (See condition 3)		
Coastal Hazard Message (CFW)	Yes (See condition 4)		
Surf Zone Forecast/Surf Forecast (SRF)	No		
High Surf Warning/Advisory (CFW- issued by WFO	No		
Honolulu)			

Table 1B. - Inland WFO Product Table

Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning in Effect – Inland WFOs in Section 7.1.2.2			
Product	Product Issuance – Yes / No		
Hurricane Local Statement (HLS)	Yes		
Tornado Warning (TOR)	Yes		
Extreme Wind Warning (EWW)	Yes		
Severe Thunderstorm Warning (SVR)	Yes (See condition 1)		
Severe Weather Statement (SVS)	Yes		
Special Weather Statement (SPS)	No		
Non-Precipitation Weather (NPW)	No (See condition 3)		

# Conditions for Tables 1A and 1B:

1 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings (SVR) and followup statements may be issued as stand-alone products at the discretion of the WFO. However, their use should be confined to peripheral events, such as outer rain bands, prior to the onset of sustained tropical storm or hurricane forece winds. If multiple SVR issuances are anticipated, the issuing WFO should contact SPC, adjacent WFOs, and affected Regional Operations Centers (ROCs) to collaborate on the potential need for convective watch products.

- **2** WFOs have the option to issue stand-alone Special Marine Warnings (SMWs) and followup Marine Weather Statements (MWSs) on an as-needed basis. This will primarily occur during watch situations prior to the onset of tropical storm winds impacting a marine zone. In cases of waterspouts, SMWs may be issued anytime during tropical cyclone watch/warning situations.
- **3** WFOs will not issue NPW High Wind Watch/Warning products when tropical cyclone watch or warning conditions are expected, with the exception of those offices listed in Section 7.2. Those WFOs in Section 7.2 will issue NPW products in lieu of tropical cyclone watches or warnings.
- **4** If no CFW products were issued by the WFO prior to the issuance of a tropical cyclone watch or warning, then no CFW products will be issued once the tropical cyclone watches or warnings are in effect.

Complications occur when a CFW product is in effect and tropical cyclone watches and/or warnings are issued via the HLS. In general, if the threat level of a tropical cyclone product equals or exceeds the threat level of an existing CFW, then the CFW will be discontinued. However, in cases where the threat level of the CFW product exceeds that of the tropical cyclone watch, then the CFW product will continue to be issued as a stand-alone product along with the HLS. See Table 2 for guidance.

Table 2. - CFW Product Actions when Tropical Cyclone Watches/Warnings are subsequently issued

<b>Initial Coastal WFO Product</b>	Tropical Cyclone	Continue	Cancel
in Effect	Watch/Warning Subsequently	CFW	CFW
	Issued via the HLS	Issuance	
Coastal Flood Watch	TC Watch		X
Coastal Flood Watch	TC Warning		X
Coastal Flood Advisory	TC Watch	X	
Coastal Flood Advisory	TC Warning		X
Coastal Flood Warning	TC Watch	X	
Coastal Flood Warning	TC Warning		X
High Surf Advisory	TC Watch	X	
High Surf Advisory	TC Warning		X
High Surf Warning (Pacific,	TC Watch	X	
Western Regions only)			
High Surf Warning (Pacific,	TC Warning		X
Western Regions only)			Λ

Finally, if tropical cyclone advisories are discontinued and coastal hazards are expected behind the departing tropical cyclone, then CFW products will be issued as appropriate. Similar actions are taken when an MWW product is already in effect and tropical cyclone watches and/or warnings are issued via the HLS. In general, if the threat level of a tropical

cyclone product equals or exceeds the threat level of an existing MWW, then the MWW will be discontinued. However, in cases where the threat level of the MWW product exceeds that of the tropical cyclone watch, then the MWW product will continue to be issued as a stand-alone product, along with the HLS. See Table 3 for guidance.

**Table 3. - MWW Product Actions when Tropical Cyclone Watches/Warnings are Subsequently Issued** 

Initial Coastal WFO Product	Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	Continue	Cancel
In Effect	SubsequentlyIssued via the HLS	MWW issuance	MWW
Storm WATCH (MWW)	TC WATCH/WARNING		X
Storm WARNING (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Storm WARNING (MWW)	TC WARNING		X
Gale WATCH (MWW)	TC WATCH/WARNING		X
Gale WARNING (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Gale WARNING (MWW)	TC WARNING		X
Hazardous Seas WATCH (MWW)	TC WATCH/WARNING		X
Hazardous Seas WARNING (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Hazardous Seas WARNING (MWW)	TC WARNING		X
Small Craft Advisory (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Small Craft Advisory (MWW)	TC WARNING		X
Small Craft Advisory for Hazardous Seas (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Small Craft Advisory for Hazardous Seas (MWW)	TC WARNING		X
Small Craft Advisory for Winds (MWW)	TC WATCH	X	
Small Craft Advisory for Winds (MWW)	TC WARNING		X

- 7.1.5 <u>Relationship of HLSs to the NOW</u>. The NOW is a stand-alone product focused on conditions impacting the office's CWA for the next 0 to 6 hours. It may be used to complement the HLS by providing critical storm information.
- 7.1.6 <u>Relationship of HLSs to the ZFP Products.</u> The appropriate forecasts will highlight tropical cyclone watches and warnings.

7.2 <u>Non-Precipitation Weather Products (NPW)</u>. The following inland WFOs will not issue the HLS. These WFOs will issue the Non-Precipitation Weather product (NPW) for high wind watches and/or warnings if hurricane, tropical storm, or subtropical storm winds move into their area of responsibility.

Albany, NY (selected counties)

Binghamton, NY

Buffalo, NY

Burlington, VT

Charleston, WV

Cleveland, OH

Flagstaff, AZ

Hanford, CA

Las Vegas, NV

Phoenix, AZ

Tucson, AZ

Columbia, SC Greer, SC Pittsburgh, PA Raleigh, NC Roanoke, VA

State College, PA

Wilmington, OH

- 7.2.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. Long duration warnings are issued by WFOs to protect lives and property. Watches and warnings provide our users and partners advance notice of hazardous weather events which have the potential to threaten life and property.
- 7.2.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 7.2.2.1 Creation Software. Use AWIPS Graphical Hazards Generator (GHG).
- 7.2.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. High Wind Watches and Warnings will be issued following the guidance in NWSI 10-515, WFO Non-Precipitation Weather Products Specification and Region-specific supplements, if applicable.
  - a. Watch WFOs will issue High Wind Watches for their inland areas when tropical storm/hurricane force winds are possible within the watch area within 48 hours.
  - b. Warning WFOs will issue High Wind Warnings for their areas when tropical storm/hurricane force winds are expected within the warning area within 36 hours.
- 7.3 Extreme Wind Warning (EWW)
- 7.3.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. Short duration warnings are issued by WFOs to protect lives and property. WFO forecasters issue short duration EWW products to provide the public with advance notice of the onset of extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (category 3 or higher), usually associated with the eyewall of a hurricane. Extreme Wind Warnings inform the public of the need to take immediate shelter in an interior portion of a well-built structure due to the onset of extreme tropical cyclone winds.

- 7.3.2 <u>Issuance Guidelines</u>.
- 7.3.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. WFOs will use WarnGen to issue Extreme Wind Warnings.
- 7.3.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. An EWW for extreme tropical cyclone winds should be issued when <u>both</u> of the following criteria are met:
  - a. Tropical cyclone is a category 3 or greater on the Saffir Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale as designated by NHC, CPHC or JTWC.
  - b. Sustained tropical cyclone surface winds of 100 knots (115 mph) or greater are occurring or are expected to occur in a WFO's county warning area within one hour.
- 7.3.2.3 Issuance Time. Short duration warnings are non-scheduled, event driven products.
- 7.3.2.4 <u>Valid Time</u>. The warning valid time should be two hours or less. In rare situations, the valid time may be for a three hour period. Forecasters should use good judgment to ensure the valid time of the short duration warning takes into account the geographic size of area warned versus the forward speed of the tropical cyclone. Once the EWW for an area has expired, WFOs should use the HLS or NOW products to provide additional information about the status of tropical cyclone winds for a previously warned area.
- 7.3.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. The product expiration time is the end of the warning valid time.
- 7.3.3 <u>Technical Description.</u> The EWW will follow the format and content described in this section. WFOs should not use a call to action statement advising the public to go to the lowest floor if the warning area is susceptible to flooding.
- 7.3.4 <u>UGC Type</u>. County
- 7.3.5. <u>Mass News Disseminator Broadcast Line</u>. EWWs will include the broadcast line "BULLETIN EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED." The term "BULLETIN" is used when information is sufficiently urgent to warrant breaking into a normal broadcast.
- 7.3.6 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The EWW MND header is "EXTREME WIND WARNING".
- 7.3.7 <u>Updates and Amendments</u>. Updated EWWs and amendments are not applicable. WFOs should issue Severe Weather Statements (SVS) to update the status of specific Extreme Wind Warnings. Updated information should include observed wind observations and/or reports of damage when available.
- 7.3.8 <u>Cancellations and Expirations</u>. WFOs may issue SVSs to inform the public when all or portions of an EWW have been canceled or have expired.

7.3.9 <u>Corrections</u>. WFOs will correct Extreme Wind Warnings for significant grammatical errors, format or dissemination code errors, or for counties either omitted or erroneously added to a warning. Corrected warnings will have the same time in the Mass News Dissemination Header and the same Event Tracking Number in the Valid Time Event Code line as the original warning.

# 7.3.10. <u>Format</u>

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WFUS5i cccc ddhhmm
EWWccc
STC001-002-ddhhmm-
/k.aaa.cccc.pp.s.####.yymmddThhnnZB-yymmddThhnnZE/
BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED
EXTREME WIND WARNING
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE city state
time am/pm time zone day of the week mon dd yyyy
THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN city HAS ISSUED AN
* EXTREME WIND WARNING FOR THE ONSET OF SUSTAINED WINDS OF 115 MPH
   OR GREATER FOR...
   county one in section state (List warned counties)
   county two in section state (# Counties will match # counties in
UGC Line)
   IN ASSOCIATION WITH (Phenomenon/The Event)
* UNTIL hhmm am/pm time zone (Expiration time of warning)
* AT hhmm am/pm time zone...(Warning basis statement and forecast
impacts)
* THESE EXTREME WINDS WILL AFFECT... (Pathcast Version)
   location #1 AROUND hhmm am/pm time zone...
   location #2 AROUND hhmm am/pm time zone...
OR
   LOCATIONS IMPACTED INCLUDE... (Pathcast Version w/o time)
   location #1...
   location #2...
   (Impact Locations are mandatory, either pathcast or no pathcast
version listed above)
CALL TO ACTION
LAT...LON (Mandatory list of latitude/longitude points outlining the
forecaster-drawn area of greatest impact)
TIME...MOT...LOC
FORECASTER NAME/NUMBER (OPTIONAL)
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**Figure 16**. Extreme Wind Warning See complete example in Appendix A.

- 7.4 <u>Post-Tropical Cyclone Reports (PSH)</u>. The PSH is the primary WFO posttropical cyclone product issued to the public to report and document local tropical cyclone impacts.
- 7.4.1 <u>Mission Connection</u>. The PSH product is intended to provide the NHC, NWS Headquarters, media, public and emergency management officials with a record of peak tropical cyclone conditions. This data are then used to formulate other post-event reports, news articles and historical records. A standardized format has been introduced for easier post-processing of the data by end users. An example of this format can be found in the appendix.
- 7.4.2 Issuance Guidelines.
- 7.4.2.1 <u>Creation Software</u>. AWIPS Post-Tropical Cyclone Storm Report software or text editor.
- 7.4.2.2 <u>Issuance Criteria</u>. All WFOs issuing HLSs will prepare post storm reports. Inland offices issuing Tropical Storm/Hurricane/Typhoon Wind watches or warnings will also submit reports. Other offices whose county warning area experiences wind gusts greater than 33 knots, flooding, tornadoes, damage or casualties will also submit reports.
- 7.4.2.3 <u>Issuance Times</u>. Transmit the reports within 5 days following the transmission of the last HLS or Tropical Storm/Hurricane/Typhoon Wind watches or warnings. Amend reports as needed.
- 7.4.2.4 <u>Valid Times</u>. Not applicable.
- 7.4.2.5 <u>Product Expiration Time</u>. Not applicable
- 7.4.3 <u>Technical Description</u>.
- 7.4.3.1 <u>UGC Type</u>. Not applicable.
- 7.4.3.2 <u>Mass News Disseminator Header</u>. The PSH header block product type line is "POST-TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT...(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE)(NAME)."
- 7.4.3.3 <u>Content</u>. Include the following items in the initial report and in any subsequent updated reports:

Sections a and b. Wind data: If the observed peak gusts are greater than 33 knots, report highest sustained surface wind speed (knots) and duration (1-, 2- 8-, or 10-minute average which ever applies), peak gust (knots), and date/times of occurrence in UTC. Specify anemometer height (meters) if other than 10 meters. Report all land-based NOAA, Department of Defense, and Federal Aviation Administration official observing sites (ASOS/AWOS) in the OFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS portion of section A. Report other reliable land-based data collected by government sources or other institutions in the UNOFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS portion of section A. These include: reports from stations maintained by the U. S. Coast Guard; state, county, and local governments; universities; private companies; and experimental networks. Report NOAA buoy/Coastal Marine Automated Network (C-MAN) stations, National Ocean

Service stations, and trusted private or university observations in, or near, a WFO's marine warning area, in section b. Also list adjusted speeds corrected for instrument type and speed range if known. NWS offices may include these data in the PSH only when deemed reliable based on the particular facts and circumstances.

Pressure data: Report lowest sea level pressure (millibars) and date/time of occurrence (UTC). Report data from all sources given in the wind data section and other stations where significant pressure observations are available. Report pressures less than 1005 mb, with pressure greater than 1005 mb reported as needed or as requested.

<u>Section c.</u> Storm total rainfall: Report amount (inches) and duration (dates). Report data from all sources given in Section a, and other stations where significant rainfall observations are available. Report storm total rainfalls of 3 inches or more, with amounts less than 3 inches reported as needed or as requested.

<u>Section d.</u> Inland flooding: Report to include date/times (UTC) and counties/parishes/independent cities of occurrence, along with a brief worded summary, as appropriate.

Section e. Maximum storm surge and storm tide: Reference storm tide to appropriate datums understood by local authorities. The preferred datum for reporting purposes is North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD). Some areas may still be using the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) or Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Report storm tide in feet above the datum, and storm surge/wind waves in feet above the normal, predicted (astronomical) tide level. Identify location and date/time (UTC) of occurrence where possible. Report storm surge greater than 1 foot. Report storm tides 1 foot or greater above the normal astronomical tide. Report tides of 1 foot or greater above normal, with tides of less than 1 foot above normal reported as needed or as requested. Report extent of beach erosion as appropriate.

The National Ocean Service's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (NOS CO-OPS) will provide a final report of storm surge and storm tide information from NOS tide gauges to WFOs within 4 days following the issuance of the final HLS. The PSH will reflect the data and appropriate reference datums provided in the NOS report.

<u>Section f.</u> Tornadoes: Report times (UTC) and locations, along with a brief description of damage, as appropriate. The reports may be taken from Local Storm Reports (LSR) issued for the event.

<u>Section g.</u> Storm impacts: Including deaths, injuries, dollar damages, number of people evacuated, etc., per county/parish/independent city as reported by emergency management, trusted media sources, etc.

Please note: For data in sections (A, land observations), (B, marine observations), (C, storm total rainfall), and (F, tornadoes), latitude and longitude should be included. The AWIPS software will output the values, in the form xx.m (-)byy.n, where:

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xx = degrees north latitude

m = rounded decimal value for latitude, in tenths of a degree

(-) = negative, or west, longitude, as necessary

b = 100's place, if needed

yy = degrees longitude, zero to 99
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n = rounded decimal value for longitude, in tenths of a degree

# 7.4.3.4 Format.

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ACUS72 Kccc ddhhmm
PSHxxx

POST TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT...(TROPICAL CYCLONE TYPE) (NAME)
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CITY STATE
Time am/pm time zone day of week mon dd yyyy

TEXT (see Appendix A for specific details)

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**Figure 17**. Post Tropical Cyclone Report Format See complete example in Appendix A.

- 7.5 <u>Information for Service Assessments</u>. CONUS WFOs will forward a copy of media reports, especially newspaper clippings (online and printed) representative of the event and its impacts. Send reports to the appropriate regional headquarters and NHC within 7 days following the issuance of the last product concerning the storm. Reports do not have to include all interviews or radio or television spots concerning the landfall event in each local office's CWA.
- 7.6 <u>Local Storm Reports (LSR)</u>. WFOs will prepare these reports in accordance with LSR instructions (Reference directive 10-517).
- 7.7 <u>Storm Reports.</u> WFOs will prepare these reports in accordance with Storm Data Preparation instruction (Reference directive 10-1605).
- 8. <u>Correction Procedures</u>. Tropical cyclone centers and WFOs should correct products using the following format:

WTNT KNHC 161441 CCA TCDAT1

TROPICAL STORM ARTHUR DISCUSSION NUMBER 8...CORRECTED NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 11 AM EDT TUE JULY 16 2002

CORRECTED FOR (GIVE REASON)

TEXT FOLLOWS....

CCA - If a second correction is necessary, the "A" becomes a "B" (CCB). "CORRECTED FOR" is optional but encouraged.

9. <u>Procedures for Populating WFO-Generated Wind Forecast Grids for Tropical Cyclone Events.</u> Updates to this directive will take place as better methods for populating WFO-generated wind forecasts are integrated into the Interactive Forecast Preparation System. These instructions are primarily for CONUS WFOs.

## 9.1 Wind Speed Values Within the 34 kt Wind Radii

#### 0-120 hours

WFOs will use the TCMWindTool to populate wind grids using the latest NHC advisory package. The AWIPS GFE Smart Tool uses the official tropical cyclone forecast center's TCM forecast advisory wind radii. For storm size, WFOs are not to exceed the wind radii specified in the official forecast advisory. For periods when the wind radii are not available from the official forecast advisory, WFOs will be provided output from a climatology-persistence model, but may also coordinate as needed with the tropical cyclone forecast center and with adjacent WFOs.

For storm intensity, the AWIPS GFE Smart Tool uses the full continuum of values, up to the maximum sustained wind speed value provided by the tropical cyclone forecast center through the forecast advisory. WFOs are not to exceed this maximum wind speed forecast.

Within the stated constraints, WFOs will apply local knowledge and mesoscale expertise to produce the final set of explicit/deterministic wind speed forecasts for the County Forecast and Warning Area/Marine Area of Responsibility.

#### 121-168 hours

Use HPC guidance on the location of tropical low pressure systems and associated wind fields and WFO discretion to produce explicit/deterministic wind speed forecasts for all County Forecast and Warning Area/Marine Area of Responsibility grids using a full continuum of wind speeds up to 30 knots. The choice for 30 knots avoids potential confusion which can result from the automated rounding of 33 knots to 35 knots when generating graphical wind barbs, and with associated textual formatters which convert knots to miles per hour (then round to the nearest 5 mph).

## 9.2 Wind Speed Values Outside the 34 kt Wind Radii

0-168 hours

Use deterministic wind speed values.

## 9.3 Wind Direction Values Inside or Outside the 34 kt Wind Radii

0-168 hours

Use deterministic wind direction values.

- 9.4 <u>Wind Gust Values Inside or Outside the 34 kt Wind Radii</u>. At this time there is no requirement to produce a gust grid. As an option, if a WFO desires to produce a gust grid it will have to be created with little or no guidance.
- 9.5 <u>Caveat</u>. It is highly recommended the following caveat be placed on all text and graphical products..."Winds in and near tropical cyclones should be used with caution due to uncertainty in forecast track, size, and intensity."

# APPENDIX A

# **EXAMPLES OF TROPICAL WEATHER PRODUCTS**

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## Example: Tropical Weather Outlook from NHC

ABNT20 KNHC 011140 TWOAT

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 800 AM EDT WED JUN 1 2009

FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC...CARIBBEAN SEA AND THE GULF OF MEXICO...

THE AREA OF LOW PRESSURE ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL WAVE LOCATED JUST EAST OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS HAS BECOME A LITTLE BETTER ORGANIZED THIS MORNING...AND AN AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO INVESTIGATE THIS AREA THIS AFTERNOON. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS APPEAR FAVORABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DURING THE NEXT DAY OR TWO AS THE TROPICAL WAVE MOVES WESTWARD NEAR 15 TO 20 MPH. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER DEVELOPMENT OCCURS...THIS SYSTEM WILL LIKELY BRING SQUALLS TO THE WINDWARD ISLANDS DURING THE NEXT DAY OR SO. THERE IS A HIGH CHANCE...60 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

THE LARGE AREA OF CLOUDINESS BETWEEN BERMUDA AND NOVA SCOTIA IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXTRATROPICAL LOW. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...NEAR 0 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

A LARGE AREA OF CLOUDINESS AND SHOWERS HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE NORTHEASTERN GULF OF MEXICO IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN OLD FRONTAL ZONE. SOME SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SYSTEM IS POSSIBLE DURING THE NEXT DAY OR TWO AS IT REMAINS NEARLY STATIONARY. THERE IS A MEDIUM CHANCE...30 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

ELSEWHERE...TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION IS NOT EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

\$\$ FORECASTER NAME

## Example: Tropical Weather Outlook from CPHC

ACPN50 PHFO 192350 TWOCP

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK
NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER HONOLULU HI
200 PM HST SUN SEP 19 2005

FOR THE CENTRAL NORTH PACIFIC...BETWEEN 140W AND 180

1. AN AREA OF THUNDERSTORMS ABOUT 900 MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF HILO IS ASSOCIATED WITH A WEAK SURFACE TROUGH. THE THUNDERSTORMS ARE CURRENTLY POORLY ORGANIZED. THE TROUGH WAS MOVING WEST SLOWLY. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...20 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

ELSEWHERE...NO TROPICAL CYCLONES ARE EXPECTED THROUGH 200 PM HST TUESDAY.

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## Example: Special Tropical Weather Outlook from NHC

ABNT20 KNHC 161145 TWOAT

SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 1245 PM EDT WED JUL 1 2009

FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC...CARIBBEAN SEA AND THE GULF OF MEXICO...

SPECIAL OUTLOOK ISSUED TO UPDATE DISCUSSION OF LOW PRESSURE AREA EAST OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS.

THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER IS ISSUING ADVISORIES ON TROPICAL STORM BERTHA...LOCATED ABOUT 335 MILES NORTHEAST OF BERMUDA.

UPDATED...SATELLITE IMAGES AND SURFACE OBSERVATIONS INDICATE THAT THE AREA OF LOW PRESSURE LOCATED ABOUT 225 MILES EAST OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS HAS BECOME BETTER-ORGANIZED AND A TROPICAL DEPRESSION COULD BE FORMING. AN AIR FORCE RESERVE HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT WILL BE INVESTIGATING THIS SYSTEM THIS AFTERNOON TO DETERMINE IF A TROPICAL CYCLONE HAS FORMED. EVEN IF NO DEVELOPMENT OCCURS...LOCALIZED HEAVY RAINS AND GUSTY WINDS ARE POSSIBLE IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS TODAY AND TONIGHT. ALL INTERESTS IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS SHOULD MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THIS SYSTEM...AND FOR INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...PLEASE CONSULT STATEMENTS FROM YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE. THERE IS A HIGH CHANCE...NEAR 100 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

DISORGANIZED THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY OFF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COAST IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE. THIS SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE LOCALLY HEAVY RAINS OVER PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA PENINSULA AS IT MOVES EASTWARD OR NORTHEASTWARD DURING THE NEXT DAY OR SO. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IS NOT EXPECTED DUE TO PROXIMITY TO LAND. THERE IS A LOW CHANCE...10 PERCENT...OF THIS SYSTEM BECOMING A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

ELSEWHERE...TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION IS NOT EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

\$\$ FORECASTER NAME

#### Examples: Product Type Lines in Mass News Disseminator Headers for TCP products

TROPICAL DEPRESSION ONE-E ADVISORY NUMBER 1
TROPICAL STORM ALEX ADVISORY NUMBER 3
HURRICANE ALEX ADVISORY NUMBER 4
SUBTROPICAL STORM GABRIELLE ADVISORY NUMBER 1

SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION TWO ADVISORY NUMBER 1
TYPHOON NAME
POST-TROPICAL CYCLONE NAME
REMNANTS OF NAME

# Example: Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory

WTNT34 KNHC 120359 MIATCPAT4

BULLETIN

HURRICANE IKE ADVISORY NUMBER 42 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092008 1000 PM CDT THU SEP 11 2008

...IKE CONTINUES TO GROW IN SIZE BUT HAS NOT STRENGTHENED YET...
...HURRICANE WARNING ISSUED FOR NORTHWESTERN GULF COAST...

SUMMARY OF 1000 PM CDT...0300 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...25.5N 88.4W
ABOUT 580 MI...930 KM ESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS
ABOUT 470 MI...760 KM ESE OF GALVESTON TEXAS
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...100 MPH...160 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...WNW OR 290 DEGREES AT 10 MPH...17 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...945 MB...27.91 INCHES

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

A HURRICANE WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA TO BAFFIN BAY TEXAS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM SOUTH OF BAFFIN BAY TO PORT MANSFIELD TEXAS.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

- A HURRICANE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA TO BAFFIN BAY TEXAS
- A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* EAST OF MORGAN CITY TO THE MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA BORDER...INCLUDING THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
- \* SOUTH OF BAFFIN BAY TO PORT MANSFIELD

A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA. A WARNING IS TYPICALLY ISSUED 36 HOURS BEFORE THE ANTICIPATED FIRST OCCURRENCE OF TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS...CONDITIONS THAT MAKE OUTSIDE PREPARATIONS DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS. PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE

EXPECTED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 36 HOURS.

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE.

#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

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AT 1000 PM CDT...0300Z...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE IKE WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 25.5 NORTH...LONGITUDE 88.4 WEST. IKE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST NEAR 10 MPH...17 KM/H. A GENERAL WEST-NORTHWESTWARD MOTION IS EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT DAY OR SO...AND THE CENTER OF IKE SHOULD BE VERY NEAR THE COAST BY LATE FRIDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 100 MPH...160 KM/H...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. IKE IS A CATEGORY TWO HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE. IKE IS FORECAST TO BECOME A MAJOR HURRICANE PRIOR TO REACHING THE COASTLINE.

IKE REMAINS A VERY LARGE TROPICAL CYCLONE. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 115 MILES...185 KM...FROM THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 275 MILES...445 KM.

THE LATEST MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE REPORTED BY A NOAA HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT WAS 945 MB...27.91 INCHES.

#### HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

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STORM SURGE... A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS AS MUCH AS 10 TO 15 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST WITHIN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA NEAR AND TO THE EAST OF WHERE THE CENTER OF IKE MAKES LANDFALL. STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS AS MUCH AS 5 TO 7 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST WITHIN THE TROPICAL STORM WARNING AREA ALONG THE NORTHERN GULF COAST. THE SURGE COULD PENETRATE AS FAR INLAND AS ABOUT 10 MILES FROM THE SHORE WITH DEPTH GRADUALLY DECREASING AS THE WATER MOVES INLAND. NEAR THE COAST...THE SURGE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND DESTRUCTIVE WAVES.

WIND...BECAUSE IKE IS A VERY LARGE TROPICAL CYCLONE...WEATHER WILL DETERIORATE ALONG THE COASTLINE LONG BEFORE THE CENTER REACHES THE COAST. HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH NORTHWESTERN GULF COAST WITHIN THE WARNING AREA FRIDAY AFTERNOON. WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO FIRST REACH TROPICAL STORM STRENGTH FRIDAY MORNING...MAKING OUTSIDE PREPARATIONS DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS. PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.

RAINFALL...IKE IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 5 TO 10 INCHES ALONG THE CENTRAL AND UPPER TEXAS COAST AND OVER PORTIONS OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA...WITH ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF 15 INCHES POSSIBLE. RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1 TO 2 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE OVER PORTIONS OF THE YUCATAN PENINSULA.

#### NEXT ADVISORY

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NEXT INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY...100 AM CDT.

NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY...400 AM CDT.

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FORECASTER FRANKLIN

## Example: Intermediate Public Advisory

WTNT33 KNHC 221858 TCPAT3

BULLETIN

HURRICANE RITA INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY NUMBER 20A NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 1 PM CDT THU SEP 22 2005

...RITA WEAKENS A LITTLE FURTHER...REMAINS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS HURRICANE...

SUMMARY OF 1000 PM CDT...0300 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...25.5N 89.2W

ABOUT 435 MI...700 KM...SE OF GALVESTON TEXAS
ABOUT 430 MI...695 KM...SE OF PORT ARTHUR TEXAS
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...150 MPH...240 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...WNW OR 290 DEGREES AT 9 MPH...15 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...915 MB...27.06 INCHES

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

NONE.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

- A HURRICANE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* PORT O'CONNOR TEXAS TO MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA
- A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* FROM SOUTH OF PORT O'CONNOR TO PORT MANSFIELD TEXAS
- \* SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF LOUISIANA EAST OF MORGAN CITY TO THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
- A TROPICAL STORM WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* FROM NORTH OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF THE PEARL RIVER INCLUDING METROPOLITAN NEW ORLEANS AND LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
- \* FROM SOUTH OF PORT MANSFIELD TO BROWNSVILLE TEXAS
- \* FOR THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF MEXICO FROM RIO SAN FERNANDO NORTHWARD TO THE RIO GRANDE

A HURRICANE WARNING MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA. A WARNING IS TYPICALLY ISSUED 36 HOURS BEFORE THE ANTICIPATED FIRST OCCURRENCE OF TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS...CONDITIONS THAT MAKE OUTSIDE PREPARATIONS DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS. PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 36 HOURS.

A TROPICAL STORM WATCH MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WATCH AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE.

#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

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AT 1 PM CDT...1800 UTC...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE RITA WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 25.5 NORTH...LONGITUDE 89.2 WEST. RITA IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST NEAR 9 MPH...15 KM/H. A GRADUAL TURN TO THE NORTHWEST IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 24 TO 36 HOURS.

DATA FROM A NOAA RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT INDICATE THAT MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE DECREASED TO NEAR 150 MPH...240 KM/H...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. RITA IS NOW A STRONG CATEGORY FOUR HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE. SOME SLIGHT WEAKENING IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS BUT RITA IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS HURRICANE.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 85 MILES...140 KM...FROM THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 185 MILES...295 KM.

LATEST MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE REPORTED BY A NOAA HURRICANE HUNTER PLANE WAS 915 MB...27.01 INCHES.

## HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

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WIND...HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE NORTHWESTERN GULF COAST WITHIN THE WARNING AREA FRIDAY NIGHT. WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO FIRST REACH TROPICAL STORM STRENGTH FRIDAY AFTERNOON...MAKING OUTSIDE PREPARATIONS DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS. PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.

STORM SURGE...A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA IN AREAS OF ONSHORE FLOW SOUTH OF VENICE AND IN FLORIDA BAY. THE SURGE COULD PENETRATE AS FAR INLAND AS ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THE SHORE WITH DEPTH GENERALLY DECREASING AS THE WATER MOVES INLAND. NEAR THE COAST...THE SURGE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE AND DESTRUCTUVE WAVES. STORM SURGE SHOULD BEGIN TO DECREASE ALONG THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA.

RAINFALL...ACCUMULATIONS OF 8 TO 12 INCHES WITH ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTSS OF 15 INCHES POSSIBLE ALONG THE PATH OF RITA PARTICULARLY OVER SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND WESTERN LOUISIANA. IN ADDITION...RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 3 TO 5 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE OVER SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA INCLUDING NEW ORLEANS. RAINFALL TOTALS IN EXCESS OF 25 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE FARTHER INLAND AFTER RITA MOVES INLAND.

#### NEXT ADVISORY

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NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY...400 PM CDT.

\$\$ FORECASTER FRANKLIN

# Example: Special Public Advisory

WTNT34 KNHC 130415 TCPAT4

BULLETIN

HURRICANE HUMBERTO SPECIAL ADVISORY NUMBER 4 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092007 1215 AM CDT THU SEP 13 2007

... HUMBERTO BECOMES A HURRICANE JUST BEFORE LANDFALL...

...HURRICANE FORCE WINDS COVER SMALL AREA NORTHEAST OF CENTER...

SUMMARY OF 1215 AM CDT...0515 UTC...INFORMATION

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LOCATION...29.4N 94.4W

ABOUT 20 MI...30 KM...E OF GALVESTON TEXAS
ABOUT 15 MI...20 KM...S OF HIGH ISLAND TEXAS
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...80 MPH...130 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NNE OR 25 DEGREES AT 8 MPH...13 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...992 MB...29.29 INCHES

#### WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

A HURRICANE WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM EAST OF HIGH ISLAND TEXAS TO CAMERON LOUISIANA.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

- A HURRICANE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR ...
- \* EAST OF HIGH ISLAND TEXAS TO CAMERON LOUISIANA
- A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* EAST OF SARGENT TEXAS TO HIGH ISLAND
- \* EAST OF CAMERON TO INTRACOASTAL CITY LOUISIANA

THE HURRICANE WARNING FOR HUMBERTO MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE.

#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

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AT 1215 AM CDT...0515 UTC...THE CENTER OF HURRICANE HUMBERTO WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 29.4 NORTH...LONGITUDE 94.4 WEST. HUMBERTO IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH-NORTHEAST NEAR 8 MPH...13 KM/H. THIS GENERAL DIRECTION OF MOTION WITH SOME INCREASE IN FORWARD SPEED IS EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT 24 HOURS. ON THE FORECAST TRACK THE CENTER WILL BE CROSSING THE UPPER TEXAS COAST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

DATA FROM AN AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND DOPPLER RADAR INDICATE THAT THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE INCREASED TO NEAR 80 MPH...130 KM/H...WITH HIGHER GUSTS...CONFINED TO A SMALL AREA NORTHEAST OF THE CENTER. HUMBERTO IS NOW A CATEGORY ONE HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE. LITTLE ADDITIONAL STRENGTHENING IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO LANDFALL.

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 15 MILES...30 KM... NORTHEAST OF THE CENTER...AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 60 MILES...95 KM.

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE RECENTLY REPORTED BY THE AIRCRAFT WAS  $992 \, \mathrm{Mb...} \, 29.29$  INCHES.

#### HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

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WIND...TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS ARE ALREADY AFFECTING PORTIONS OF THE UPPER TEXAS COAST. HURRICANE-FORCE WINDS WILL BE SPREADING ONSHORE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF HOURS.

RAINFALL...RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 5 TO 10 INCHES ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE TRACK OF HUMBERTO THROUGH EASTERN TEXAS AS WELL AS WESTERN AND CENTRAL LOUISIANA...WITH ISOLATED MAXIMUM ACCUMULATIONS OF 15 INCHES POSSIBLE.

STORM SURGE...A DANGEROUS STORM SURGE WILL RAISE WATER LEVELS BY AS MUCH AS 4 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL ALONG THE IMMEDIATE COAST...NEAR AND TO THE EAST OF WHERE THE CENTER MAKES LANDFALL. THE SURGE COULD PENETRATE AS FAR INLAND AS ABOUT TWO MILES FROM THE SHORE WITH DEPTH GENERALLY DECREASING AS THE WATER MOVES INLAND.

TORNADOES...ISOLATED TORNADOES ARE POSSIBLE IN SOUTHEASTERN TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA THROUGH EARLY THURSDAY.

NEXT ADVISORY

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NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY...400 AM CDT.

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FORECASTER MAINELLI/AVILA

## **Example: Public Advisory Correction**

WTNT31 KNHC 240855 CCA TCPAT3

HURRICANE ANDREW ADVISORY NUMBER 25...CORRECTED NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL011992 500 AM EDT MON AUG 24 1992

CORRECTED FOR CENTRAL PRESSURE

BODY OF TEXT

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## Example: Subtropical Storm Public Advisory

WTNT31 KNHC 040255 TCPAT1

BULLETIN

SUBTROPICAL STORM ANDREA ADVISORY NUMBER 3 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL012007 1100 PM EDT WED MAY 09 2007

...ANDREA NEARLY STATIONARY...FORECAST TO WEAKEN...

SUMMARY OF 1100 PM EDT...0300 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...30.5N 79.8W

ABOUT 135 MI...215 KM...SE OF SAVANNAH GEORGIA
ABOUT 115 MI...185 KM...NE OF DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...45 MPH...75 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...STATIONARY
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...1003 MB...29.62 INCHES

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

NONE.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

A TROPICAL STORM WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR...
\* ALTAMAHA SOUND GEORGIA SOUTHWARD TO FLAGLER BEACH FLORIDA

A TROPICAL STORM WATCH MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WATCH AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

FOR STORM INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR AREA...INCLUDING POSSIBLE INLAND WATCHES AND WARNINGS...PLEASE MONITOR PRODUCTS ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL WEATHER OFFICE.

#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

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AT 1100 PM EDT...0300 UTC...THE CENTER OF SUBTROPICAL STORM ANDREA WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 30.5 NORTH...LONGITUDE 79.8 WEST. THE STORM IS NEARLY STATIONARY AND NO SIGNIFICANT MOTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 45 MPH...75 KM/H...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SOME WEAKENING IS POSSIBLE DURING THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

WINDS OF TROPICAL STORM FORCE EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 105 MILES... 165 KM TO THE EAST OF THE CENTER.

ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1003 MB...29.62 INCHES.

#### HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

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RAINFALL...ANDREA IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE TOTAL RAINFALL ACCUMULATIONS OF 1 TO 2 INCHES ALONG COASTAL AREAS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF ABOUT 3 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE IN SOME RAINBANDS.

NEXT ADVISORY

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NEXT INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY...200 AM EDT. NEXT COMPLETE ADVISORY...500 AM EDT.

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FORECASTER AVILA

## Example: HPC Public Advisory

WTNT34 KWNH 142000 TCPAT4

REMNANTS OF IKE ADVISORY NUMBER 55 NWS HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD AL092008 400 PM CDT SUN SEP 14 2008

...REMNANTS OF IKE RACING NORTHEAST AND PRODUCING HEAVY RAINFALL...STRONG AND DAMAGING WINDS...

SUMMARY OF 400 PM CDT...2100 UTC...INFORMATION

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LOCATION...41.6N 84.5W

ABOUT 40 MI...64 KM...W OF TOLEDO OHIO
ABOUT 55 MI...88 KM...NE OF FT WAYNE INDIANA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...45 MPH...75 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NE OR 45 DEGREES AT 50 MPH...80 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...990 MB...29.23 INCHES

FLOOD AND FLASH FLOOD WATCHES ARE IN EFFECT FOR COASTAL TEXAS INTO EASTERN LOUISIANA AND CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI. ADDITIONAL FLOOD AND FLASH FLOOD WATCHES ARE IN EFFECT FOR MUCH OF ILLINOIS...NORTHERN INDIANA INTO SOUTHERN MICHIGAN. MANY COUNTIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDER FLOOD AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS FROM THE CENTRAL GULF COAST NORTHWARD INTO THE MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY AND GREAT LAKES REGION.

THE REMNANTS OF IKE ARE SUPPORTING STRONG AND DAMAGING WINDS THRU THE LOWER OHIO VALLEY. SEVERAL STATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTING WINDS OF 30 TO 40 MPH WITH GUSTS OVER 60 MPH. THIS HAS RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD DOWNED TREES AND STRUCTUAL DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

THE LOW WILL RACE NORTHEASTWARD...ALONG A FRONTAL BOUNDARY...ACROSS THE LOWER GREAT LAKES THIS EVENING. BY MONDAY MORNING THE LOW WILL BE MOVING THROUGH THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE 35 TO 45 MPH...65 TO 80 KM/H...WITH GUSTS OF 60 TO 70 MPH...95 TO 115 KM/H

SELECTED HIGH WIND REPORTS SINCE 700 AM SUNDAY

LOUISVILLE KY	75	MPH
COVINGTON KY	74	MPH
HUNTINGBURG IN	67	MPH
FORT KNOX KY	64	MPH
OWENSBORO KY	63	MPH
WALNUT RIDGE AR	62	MPH
POPULAR BLUFF MO	61	MPH
CINCINNATI/LUNKIN	61	MPH

SELECTED STORM TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS IN INCHES THROUGH 100 PM CDT

LOUISIANA NATCHITOCHES GOLDONNA MONROE	3.68 2.57 2.45
SPRING BRANCH (HARRIS COUNTY) CYPRESS CREEK (HARRIS COUNTY) HALLS BAYOU (HARRIS COUNTY) HARRIS GULLEY (HARRIS COUNTY) GOOSE CREEK (HARRIS COUNTY) BUFFALO BAYOU (HARRIS COUNTY) MISSION BEND BEAUMONT/PORT ARTHUR HUNTSVILLE COLLEGE STATION TYLER PARIS	15.20 14.21 13.94 10.71 10.39 10.12 7.37 4.99 4.90 3.45 2.69 2.44
ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE/DRAKE HARRISON FORT SMITH	4.35 2.26 2.23
DECATUR PEORIA CAHOKIA CHAMPAIGN SCOTT AFB QUINCY	5.00 4.74 3.69 3.60 3.42 3.32
MISSOURI FAIR GROVE ASHLAND JEFFERSON CITY BUFFALO LIBERAL CROSS TIMBERS BROOKFIELD COLE CAMP PLATTSBURG	5.52 5.39 5.35 5.28 5.25 5.18 5.11 5.06 5.06

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HERMITAGE	5.06
HIGHLANDVILLE	5.02
WHEATLAND	5.02
FORNEY AAF	4.82
COLUMBIA	4.72
KANSAS	
MCCUNE	3.80
COFFEYVILLE	3.16
OKLAHOMA	
CLAREMORE	2.44
MUSKOGEE	2.38
SAND SPRINGS	2.10

THE REMNANTS OF IKE WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE HEAVY RAINFALL INTO THIS EVENING OVER THE LOWER GREAT LAKES AS IT MOVES INTO THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY. MAXIMUM RAINFALL AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED TO RANGE FROM 1 TO 3 INCHES WITH ISOLATED HEAVIER TOTALS THROUGH MONDAY MORNING.

A SEVERAL HOUR PERIOD OF STRONG WINDS WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY THE SYSTEM FROM NORTHEASTERN OHIO INTO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA...WESTERN AND NORTHERN NEW YORK STATE AND NORTHERN VERMONT. WINDS OF 30 TO 50 MPH WILL BE POSSIBLE WITH HIGHER GUSTS. THE STRONGEST WINDS SHOULD BE OVER HIGHER ELEVATIONS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA...WESTERN AND NORTHERN NEW YORK AND NORTHERN VERMONT.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 1000 PM CDT SUNDAY BY THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS STORM.

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FORECAST POSITIONS

INITIAL 14/2100Z 41.6N 84.5W...EXTRATROPICAL 12HR VT 15/0600Z 44.8N 76.7W...EXTRATROPICAL 24HR VT 15/1800Z 49.6N 64.4W...EXTRATROPICAL

## Example: Tropical Cyclone Forecast/Advisory

WTNT24 KNHC 111505

TCMAT4

HURRICANE IKE FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER 42 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092008 1500 UTC THU SEP 11 2008

CHANGES IN WATCHES AND WARNINGS WITH THIS ADVISORY...

A HURRICANE WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA TO BAFFIN BAY TEXAS.

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM SOUTH OF BAFFIN BAY TO

PORT MANSFIELD TEXAS.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...

- A HURRICANE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* MORGAN CITY LOUISIANA TO BAFFIN BAY TEXAS
- A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
- \* EAST OF MORGAN CITY TO THE MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA BORDER...INCLUDING THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
- \* SOUTH OF BAFFIN BAY TO PORT MANSFIELD

HURRICANE CENTER LOCATED NEAR 25.5N 88.4W AT 11/1500Z POSITION ACCURATE WITHIN 10 NM

PRESENT MOVEMENT TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST OR 290 DEGREES AT 9 KT

ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE 945 MB

MAX SUSTAINED WINDS 85 KT WITH GUSTS TO 105 KT.

- 64 KT.....100NE 100SE 30SW 60NW.
- 50 KT.....150NE 150SE 90SW 140NW.
- 34 KT.....230NE 240SE 150SW 180NW.
- 12 FT SEAS..330NE 240SE 240SW 400NW.

WINDS AND SEAS VARY GREATLY IN EACH QUADRANT. RADII IN NAUTICAL MILES ARE THE LARGEST RADII EXPECTED ANYWHERE IN THAT QUADRANT.

REPEAT...CENTER LOCATED NEAR 25.5N 88.4W AT 11/1500Z AT 11/1200Z CENTER WAS LOCATED NEAR 25.3N 88.0W

FORECAST VALID 12/0000Z 25.9N 90.0W

MAX WIND 90 KT...GUSTS 110 KT.

64 KT...100NE 100SE 30SW 60NW.

50 KT...150NE 150SE 90SW 140NW.

34 KT...230NE 240SE 150SW 180NW.

FORECAST VALID 12/1200Z 26.6N 92.0W

MAX WIND 95 KT...GUSTS 115 KT.

64 KT...100NE 100SE 50SW 60NW.

50 KT...150NE 150SE 90SW 140NW.

34 KT...230NE 240SE 150SW 180NW.

FORECAST VALID 13/0000Z 27.8N 94.2W

MAX WIND 105 KT...GUSTS 130 KT.

64 KT...100NE 100SE 50SW 60NW.

50 KT...150NE 150SE 90SW 120NW.

34 KT...230NE 240SE 150SW 160NW.

FORECAST VALID 13/1200Z 29.5N 95.9W...INLAND

MAX WIND 100 KT...GUSTS 120 KT.

50 KT...120NE 125SE 75SW 90NW.

34 KT...180NE 240SE 120SW 120NW.

FORECAST VALID 14/1200Z 34.5N 94.0W...INLAND

MAX WIND 35 KT...GUSTS 45 KT.

34 KT... 75NE 75SE 50SW 50NW.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK. NOTE...ERRORS FOR TRACK HAVE AVERAGED NEAR 225 NM ON DAY 4 AND 300 NM ON DAY 5...AND FOR INTENSITY NEAR 20 KT EACH DAY

OUTLOOK VALID 15/1200Z 38.0N 85.0W...POST-TROP/EXTRATROP MAX WIND 25 KT...GUSTS 35 KT.

OUTLOOK VALID 16/1200Z...ABSORBED

REQUEST FOR 3 HOURLY SHIP REPORTS WITHIN 300 MILES OF 25.5N 88.4W

NEXT ADVISORY AT 11/2100Z

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FORECASTER FRANKLIN

## Example: Tropical Cyclone Forecast Discussion

WTNT41 KNHC 021452 TCDAT1

TROPICAL STORM TOMAS DISCUSSION NUMBER 18
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL212010
1100 AM EDT TUE NOV 02 2010

TOMAS HAS CERTAINLY BECOME BETTER ORGANIZED SINCE YESTERDAY...WITH A LARGE AREA OF DEEP CONVECTION AND INCREASED BANDING SEEN IN CONVENTIONAL SATELLITE AND MICROWAVE DATA. HOWEVER...THE STORM HAS CHANGED LITTLE IN ORGANIZATION SINCE THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT REPORTED SFMR SURFACE WINDS OF 45 KT AROUND 0800 UTC. THEREFORE... THE INITIAL INTENSITY IS HELD AT THAT VALUE...WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE LATEST DVORAK T-NUMBERS OF 2.5 AND 3.5 FROM SAB AND TAFB... RESPECTIVELY. THE NEXT AIR FORCE HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO INVESTIGATE TOMAS THIS AFTERNOON.

WESTERLY SHEAR CONTINUES TO RELAX AND THE MID-LEVEL ENVIRONMENT APPEARS TO BE MOISTENING. THESE ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS...COMBINED WITH HIGH OCEANIC HEAT CONTENT...FAVOR INTENSIFICATION DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS...WHICH IS SHOWN BY MOST OF THE GUIDANCE. IN FACT...THE SHIPS RAPID INTENSIFICATION INDEX GIVES A 48 PERCENT CHANCE OF A 30-KT INCREASE IN WIND SPEED DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE OFFICIAL FORECAST HAS BEEN ADJUSTED UPWARD FROM THE PREVIOUS ADVISORY AND IS NOW AT OR JUST ABOVE THE HIGH END OF THE INTENSITY GUIDANCE. AFTER A FEW DAYS...LAND INTERACTION...DRIER AIR...AND SOME INCREASE IN SOUTHERLY SHEAR IS LIKELY TO CAUSE WEAKENING.

THE INITIAL MOTION ESTIMATE IS A LITTLE SLOWER THAN BEFORE...270/9. A TURN TO THE WEST-NORTHWEST AND NORTHWEST WITH A DECREASE IN FORWARD SPEED IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 24-48 HOURS AS A STRONG TROUGH MOVES EASTWARD ACROSS THE GULF OF MEXICO. AS A RESULT... TOMAS IS EXPECTED TO TURN NORTHWARD AND NORTHEASTWARD BEYOND 48 HOURS IN DEEP-LAYER SOUTHWESTERLY FLOW ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE TROUGH. SEVERAL OF THE GLOBAL MODELS SUGGEST THAT THE TROUGH WILL NOT COMPLETELY CAPTURE TOMAS AND THERE REMAINS A LARGE DISAGREEMENT IN THE FUTURE POSITION OF THE CYCLONE AT DAYS 4 AND 5. THE OFFICIAL FORECAST IS OF LOW CONFIDENCE DURING THAT TIME PERIOD AND IS NEAR A CONSENSUS OF THE GFS...GFDL... UKMET...NOGAPS...AND ECMWF MODELS.

REGARDLESS OF THE EXACT TRACK AND INTENSITY OF TOMAS...IT APPEARS

THAT THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WILL POSE A SIGNIFICANT THREAT OF HEAVY RAINFALL OVER HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LATER IN THE WEEK.

FORECAST POSITIONS AND MAX WINDS

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INIT 13/0900Z 20.5N 86.0W 80 KT 90 MPH 12H 13/1800Z 21.2N 85.9W 90 KT 105 MPH 24H 14/0600Z 22.0N 85.7W 95 KT 110 MPH 36H 14/1800Z 22.8N 85.6W 100 KT 115 MPH 48H 15/0600Z 23.7N 85.5W 105 KT 120 MPH 72H 16/0600Z 25.4N 85.2W 115 KT 135 MPH 96H 17/0600Z 27.1N 85.0W 120 KT 140 MPH 120H 18/0600Z 28.8N 84.7W 105 KT 120 MPH
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FORECASTER CANGIALOSI/BROWN

## Example: Tropical Cyclone Update

## Example 1 - TCU to convey changes in storm information (with summary section)

WTNT64 KNHC 161615 TCUAT4

TROPICAL STORM CLAUDETTE TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL042009 1215 PM EDT SUN AUG 16 2009

... DEPRESSION BECOMES TROPICAL STORM CLAUDETTE...

DATA FROM THE NOAA DOPPLER RADAR IN TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA INDICATE THAT SURFACE WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPRESSION HAVE INCREASED TO 40 MPH...65 KM/H...INDICATING THAT THE DEPRESSION HAS BECOME A TROPICAL STORM.

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...SUMMARY OF 1215 PM EDT INFORMATION...
LOCATION...29.1N 85.1W
ABOUT 40 MI...65 KM...S OF APALACHICOLA FLORIDA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...40 MPH...65 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 325 DEGREES AT 14 MPH...22 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...1008 MB...29.77 INCHES
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FORECASTER ROBERTS/BRENNAN

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# Example 2 - TCU to notify users that change in status is forthcoming (no summary section)

WTNT62 KNHC 251800 TCUAT2

TROPICAL DEPRESSION SEVEN TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL072008 200 PM EDT MON AUG 25 2008

PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM AN AIR FORCE HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT INDICATE THAT TROPICAL DEPRESSION SEVEN HAS STRENGTHENED. A SPECIAL ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES TO UPGRADE THE DEPRESSION TO A TROPICAL STORM...TO UPDATE THE INTENSITY FORECAST...AND TO ISSUE NEW WATCHES AND WARNINGS FOR HISPANIOLA.

\$\$ FORECASTER PASCH

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## Example: Tropical Cyclone Position Estimate

WTNT54 KNHC 130200 TCEAT4

HURRICANE IKE TROPICAL CYCLONE POSITION ESTIMATE NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092008 900 PM CDT FRI SEP 12 2008

AT 9 PM CDT...0200Z...THE CENTER OF LARGE HURRICANE IKE WAS ESTIMATED BY NOAA DOPPLER WEATHER RADARS...AND AIR FORCE RESERVE AND NOAA RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT...TO BE NEAR LATITUDE 28.5 NORTH... LONGITUDE 94.3 WEST OR ABOUT 65 MILES...105 km...SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF GALVESTON TEXAS AND ABOUT 90 MILES...140 km...SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF BEAUMONT TEXAS.

\$\$ FORECASTER STEWART

## **Example: Text Wind Speed Probabilities**

FONT13 KNHC 310300 PWSAT3

TROPICAL STORM HANNA WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES NUMBER 12 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL082008 0300 UTC SUN AUG 31 2008

AT 0300Z THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM HANNA WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 22.9 NORTH...LONGITUDE 67.8 WEST WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS NEAR 45 KTS...50 MPH...85 KM/H.

Z INDICATES COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (GREENWICH)
ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME (AST)...SUBTRACT 4 HOURS FROM Z TIME
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)...SUBTRACT 4 HOURS FROM Z TIME
CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT)...SUBTRACT 5 HOURS FROM Z TIME

#### I. MAXIMUM WIND SPEED (INTENSITY) PROBABILITY TABLE

CHANCES THAT THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINED (1-MINUTE AVERAGE) WIND SPEED OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WILL BE WITHIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES AT EACH OFFICIAL FORECAST TIME DURING THE NEXT 5 DAYS. PROBABILITIES ARE GIVEN IN PERCENT. X INDICATES PROBABILITIES LESS THAN 1 PERCENT.

#### -- - MAXIMUM WIND SPEED (INTENSITY) PROBABILITIES -- -

VALID TIME	12Z SUN	00Z MON	12Z MON	00Z TUE	00Z WED	00Z THU	00Z FRI
FORECAST HOUR	12	24	36	48	72	96	120
DISSIPATED	X	1	1	2	4	6	9
TROP DEPRESSION	ON 6	7	7	11	14	15	16
TROPICAL STOR	м 90	78	65	57	50	49	42
HURRICANE	4	14	27	30	32	31	33
HUR CAT 1	3	12	23	24	23	22	21
HUR CAT 2	X	1	3	5	5	6	9
HUR CAT 3	1	1	1	2	3	2	2
HUR CAT 4	X	X	X	X	1	1	1
HUR CAT 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FCST MAX WIND	45KT	50KT	55KT	55KT	55KT	55KT	60KT

#### II. WIND SPEED PROBABILITY TABLE FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

CHANCES OF SUSTAINED (1-MINUTE AVERAGE) WIND SPEEDS OF AT LEAST

- ...34 KT (39 MPH... 63 KM/H)...
- ...50 KT (58 MPH... 93 KM/H)...
- ...64 KT (74 MPH...119 KM/H)...

FOR LOCATIONS AND TIME PERIODS DURING THE NEXT 5 DAYS

#### PROBABILITIES FOR LOCATIONS ARE GIVEN AS IP(CP) WHERE

- IP IS THE PROBABILITY OF THE EVENT BEGINNING DURING AN INDIVIDUAL TIME PERIOD (INDIVIDUAL PROBABILITY)
- (CP) IS THE PROBABILITY OF THE EVENT OCCURRING BETWEEN 00Z SUN AND THE FORECAST HOUR (CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY)

PROBABILITIES ARE GIVEN IN PERCENT X INDICATES PROBABILITIES LESS THAN 1 PERCENT PROBABILITIES FOR 34 KT AND 50 KT ARE SHOWN AT A GIVEN LOCATION WHEN THE 5-DAY CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY IS AT LEAST 3 PERCENT. PROBABILITIES FOR 64 KT ARE SHOWN WHEN THE 5-DAY CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY IS AT LEAST 1 PERCENT.

## ---- WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES FOR SELECTED LOCATIONS ----

	FROM						
TIME	00Z SUN	12Z SUN	00Z MON	12Z MON	00Z TUE	00Z WED	00Z THU
PERIODS	TO						
	12Z SUN	00Z MON	12Z MON	00Z TUE	00Z WED	00Z THU	00Z FRI
FORECAST HOU	R (12)	(24)	(36)	(48)	(72)	(96)	(120)
LOCATION	-						

MOREHEAD CITY	34	X	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	X(X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)
WILMINGTON NC	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	1(1)	3 ( 4)
COLUMBIA SC	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	X(X)	3 ( 3)
MYRTLE BEACH	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	1(1)	3 ( 4)
CHARLESTON SC	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	1(1)	4 ( 5)
AUGUSTA GA	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)
SAVANNAH GA	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2 (2)	3 ( 5)
JACKSONVILLE	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2 (2)	4 ( 6)
DAYTONA BEACH	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)	5 (8)
ORLANDO FL	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	1(1)	3 ( 4)	4 ( 8)
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KEY WEST FL	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X ( X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)	4 ( 7)
MARCO ISLAND	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)	5 (8)
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VENICE FL	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X ( X)	X ( X)	2 ( 2)	3 ( 5)
TAMPA FL	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2 (2)	3 ( 5)
CEDAR KEY FL	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2 (2)	2 ( 4)
GFMX 290N 850W	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)
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GREAT EXUMA GREAT EXUMA GREAT EXUMA	34 50 64	X X X	1 ( 1) X ( X) X ( X)	4 ( 5) X ( X) X ( X)	6 (11) 2 ( 2) 1 ( 1)	10(21) 3(5) X(1)	8 (29) 3 ( 8) 1 ( 2)	4 (33) 2 (10) 1 ( 3)
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GRAND TURK GRAND TURK GRAND TURK	34 50 64	1 X X	5 ( 6) X ( X) X ( X)	12(18) 2(2) X(X)	5 (23) 2 ( 4) 1 ( 1)	7 (30) 3 ( 7) 1 ( 2)	3 (33) 1 (8) X (2)	2 (35) 1 ( 9) X ( 2)
HAVANA	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2(2)	2 ( 4)
CIENFUEGOS	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	1(1)	2 ( 3)	3 ( 6)
CAMAGUEY	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	4 ( 4)	3 (7)	3 (10)
GUANTANAMO BAY GUANTANAMO BAY		X X	X ( X) X ( X)	2 ( 2) X ( X)	1 ( 3) X ( X)	4 ( 7) 1 ( 1)	4(11) 1(2)	2 (13) 1 ( 3)
MONTEGO BAY	34	Χ	X ( X)	X(X)	X(X)	X ( X)	2 ( 2)	1(3)
KINGSTON	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	X(X)	1(1)	1(2)	1 ( 3)
LES CAYES	34	Χ	X ( X)	1(1)	X(1)	2 ( 3)	2 ( 5)	1 ( 6)
PORT-AU-PRINCE	34	Χ	X ( X)	1(1)	1(2)	3 ( 5)	2 (7)	1(8)
CAPE BEATA	34	Χ	X ( X)	X ( X)	1(1)	1(2)	1(3)	1 ( 4)
PUERTO PLATA	34	Χ	2 ( 2)	3 (5)	3 (8)	4 (12)	2(14)	1(15)
SANTO DOMINGO	34	Χ	1(1)	X(1)	1(2)	2 ( 4)	1(5)	1 ( 6)

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<u>Example: Graphical Wind Speed Probabilities</u>
An example of this graphic can be found on the internet at: <a href="http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml">http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml</a>

<u>Example: Graphical Storm Surge Probabilities</u>
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## Example: Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning Product (TCV)

WTNT81 KNHC 141505 TCVAT1

ALPHA WATCH/WARNING BREAKPOINTS/ADVISORY NUMBER 10 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL012006 1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

.HURRICANE ALPHA

NCZ095-097-098-100-101-SCZ034-046-142100-/O.NEW.KNHC.HU.W.1001.061214T1500Z-000000T0000Z/ 1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

SOUTH-SANTEE-RIVER-SC 33.12N 79.27W CAPE-LOOKOUT-NC 34.60N 76.53W

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GAZ116-117-118-119-138-139-140-141-154-166-SCZ043-047-048-049-050-051-142100-/O.NEW.KNHC.HU.A.1001.061214T1500Z-00000T0000Z/1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

FERNANDINA-BEACH-FL 30.66N 81.44W SOUTH-SANTEE-RIVER-SC 33.12N 79.27W

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NCZ017-102-103-104-142100-/O.NEW.KNHC.HU.A.1001.061214T1500Z-000000T0000Z/ 1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

CAPE-LOOKOUT-NC 34.60N 76.53W NC/VA-BORDER 36.55N 75.87W

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NCZ080-081-093-094-142100-/O.NEW.KNHC.HU.A.1001.061214T1500Z-000000T0000Z/ 1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

PAMLICO-SOUND-NC 35.35N 75.85W

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NCZ015-016-032-045-046-047-142100-/O.NEW.KNHC.HU.A.1001.061214T1500Z-000000T0000Z/ 1000 AM EST THU DEC 14 2006

ALBEMARLE-SOUND-NC 36.05N 76.00W

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ATTN...WFO...AKQ...MHX...JAX...ILM...CHS...

## Example: Tropical Cyclone Summary – Fixes (WFO Honolulu/CPHC)

TXPS41 PHFO 091728 TCSSP1

SOUTH PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SUMMARY - FIXES NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER HONOLULU HI 1723 UTC THU APR 09 2009

- A. TROPICAL DISTURBANCE TEST
- B. 09/1630Z
- C. 8.1S
- D. 163.9E
- E. MTSAT
- F. T1.5/2.0/S0.0/24 HOURS
- G. IR
- H. REMARKS...CURVE BAND WRAPPING .20 ON LOG 10 SPIRAL. POORLY DEFINED LOW LEVEL CIRCULATION CENTER POSITON BASED ON ANIMATION.
- I. ADDL POSITIONS 09/1254Z 8.0S 163.3E AMSU

\$\$ MORRISON

## Example: Tropical Weather Discussion

AXNT20 KNHC 032345 TWDAT

TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 705 PM EST TUE NOV 03 2009

TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION FOR NORTH AMERICA...CENTRAL AMERICA...GULF OF MEXICO...CARIBBEAN SEA...NORTHERN SECTIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA...AND ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE AFRICAN COAST FROM THE EQUATOR TO 32N. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON SATELLITE IMAGERY...METEOROLOGICAL ANALYSIS...WEATHER OBSERVATIONS...AND RADAR.

BASED ON 1800 UTC SURFACE ANALYSIS AND SATELLITE IMAGERY THROUGH 2230 UTC.

#### ... SPECIAL FEATURE...

A 1008 MB LOW IS CENTERED OVER THE SW CARIBBEAN SEA NEAR 10N81W. SCATTERED MODERATE/ISOLATED STRONG CONVECTION IS FROM 9N-12N BETWEEN 79W-83W. THE LOW IS EXPECTED TO MOVE LITTLE OVER THE NEXT DAY OR SO. UPPER LEVEL WINDS APPEAR FAVORABLE FOR FURTHER

DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS A MEDIUM CHANCE...30 TO 50 PERCENT...FOR THIS SYSTEM TO BECOME A TROPICAL CYCLONE DURING THE NEXT 48 HRS.

#### ...TROPICAL WAVES...

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SEA TROPICAL WAVE IS ALONG 68W S OF 16N MOVING W NEAR 20 KT. THE WAVE COINCIDES WITH A DEEP LAYER MOISTURE MAXIMUM OBSERVED IN TOTAL PRECIPITABLE WATER IMAGERY. SCATTERED STRONG CONVECTION IS INLAND OVER VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA FROM 4N-7N BETWEEN 66W-70W. SIMILAR ACTIVITY IS NEAR THE VENEZUELA COASTLINE FROM 10N-12N BETWEEN 68W-72W. ISOLATED SHOWERS/POSSIBLE THUNDERSTORMS ARE FROM 13N-16N BETWEEN 65W-70W.

#### ...ITCZ...

THE ITCZ AXIS IS CENTERED ALONG 5N9W 6N22W 8N32W 9N41W 10N53W 10N66W. SCATTERED MODERATE/STRONG CONVECTION IS FROM 4N-8N BETWEEN 9W-16W. A SURFACE TROUGH IS EMBEDDED WITHIN THE AXIS FROM 11N30W TO 5N35W SUPPORTING A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS NEAR 5N36W. A SECOND EMBEDDED SURFACE TROUGH IS FROM 12N41W TO 8N42W SUPPORTING SHOWERS/THUNDERSTORMS NEAR 10N42W. ISOLATED MODERATE/STRONG CONVECTION IS FROM 9N-15N BETWEEN 43W-59W.

#### ...DISCUSSION...

#### THE GULF OF MEXICO...

A STATIONARY FRONT EXTENDS FROM S FLORIDA ACROSS THE SE GULF TO THE BAY OF CAMPECHE ALONG 25N81W 23N85W 22N92W 18N93W. SCATTERED SHOWERS COVER THE SW GULF FROM 20N-26N BETWEEN 90W-97W. STRONG NE WINDS ARE BEHIND THE FRONT IN THE SW GULF AS WELL. IN FACT...A GALE WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR THE AREA S OF 21N W OF 94W. THE FRONT IS SUPPORTED BY A SHORTWAVE UPPER LEVEL TROUGH EXTENDING DOWN CENTRAL MEXICO PROVIDING MOIST SWLY FLOW ALOFT ACROSS THE WRN GULF. THE DIFFLUENT FLOW AROUND THE BASE OF THIS UPPER TROUGH IS ALSO ENHANCING THE SHOWER ACTIVITY IN THE SW GULF ALONG WITH SURFACE CONVERGENCE NEAR THE FRONT. ELSEWHERE...A SURFACE RIDGE BUILDS ACROSS THE NW GULF IN THE WAKE OF THE FRONT. AN UPPER LEVEL RIDGE ALONG WITH STRONG SUBSIDENCE COVER THE SE GULF. EXPECT STRONG WINDS AND SHOWER ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE OVER THE SW GULF. [text continues]

## Example: Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory

FKPA22 PHFO 140250 TCAPA2

HURRICANE TEST ICAO ADVISORY NUMBER 2 NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER HONOLULU HI CP012008 0300 UTC TUE AUG 14 2008

TC ADVISORY

DTG: 20080814/0300Z

TCAC: PHFO
TC: TEST
NR: 012

PSN: N1554 W15200

## NWSI 10-601 JUNE 15, 2011

MOV: WNW 14KT C: 0957HPA MAX WIND: 105KT FCST PSN + 06 HR: 140900 N1615 W15254 FCST MAX WIND + 06 HR: 105KT FCST PSN + 12 HR: 141500 N1636 W15348 FCST MAX WIND + 12 HR: 105KT FCST PSN + 18 HR: 142100 N1706 W15500 FCST MAX WIND + 18 HR: 105KT FCST PSN + 24 HR: 150300 N1736 W15612 FCST MAX WIND + 24 HR: RMK The forecast position information in this product is interpolated from official forecast data valid at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800Z. 20080814/0900Z NXT MSG:

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# Example: Tropical Cyclone Track and Watch/Warning graphic

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# Example: Cumulative Wind Distribution graphic

An example of this graphic can be found on the internet at:

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# Example: Tropical Cyclone Wind Field graphic

An example of this graphic can be found on the internet at:

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## Example: Maximum Wind Speed Probability Table

An example of this table can be found on the internet at:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml

## **Example: Hurricane Local Statement**

The example illustrates the proper formatting, including VTEC, of a segmented HLS. Its intent is not for it to be perfectly correct or logical according to the meteorology or geographic area.

#### "Abbreviated HLS" example for issuance of new watches:

WTUS82 KMLB 311610

URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED HURRICANE TEST LOCAL STATEMENT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MELBOURNE FL 1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCHES NOW IN EFFECT FOR EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA...

.NEW INFORMATION...

NEW HURRICANE WATCHES HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

#### .AREAS AFFECTED...

THIS LOCAL STATEMENT PROVIDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR PEOPLE AND MARINE INTERESTS IN ALL LOCATIONS AND COASTAL WATER LEGS OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE ADJACENT ATLANTIC WATERS.

#### .WATCHES/WARNINGS...

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...
MARTIN...SAINT LUCIE...INDIAN RIVER...SOUTH BREVARD...NORTH
BREVARD...COASTAL VOLUSIA...INLAND
VOLUSIA...SEMINOLE...ORANGE...OSCEOLA...AND OKEECHOBEE.

FOR MARINE INTERESTS...A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL OF THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA ATLANTIC WATERS.

A HURRICANE WATCH MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AREAS.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS...BE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL CYCLONE EVENTS.

#### .STORM INFORMATION...

AT 11 AM EST...THE CENTER OF MAJOR HURRICANE TEST WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 24.5N...LONGITUDE 75.2W...OR ABOUT 70 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF ELEUTHERA ISLAND OF THE BAHAMAS. THIS WAS ABOUT 420 MILES SOUTHEAST OF COCOA BEACH FL...OR ABOUT 380 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF FORT PIERCE FL.

THE CURRENT STORM MOTION WAS WEST-NORTHWEST AT 10 MPH. THE CURRENT STORM INTENSITY WAS 120 MPH.

#### .SITUATION OVERVIEW...

NEW HURRICANE WATCHES HAVE BEEN ISSUED. A MORE DETAILED STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY 1 PM EST.

BE ADVISED...TEST IS A MAJOR HURRICANE WITH EXTREME LIFE THREATENING IMPLICATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA.

.PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

FOR THOSE UNDER A HURRICANE WATCH OR WARNING...NOW IS THE TIME TO INITIATE PREPARATIONS ACCORDING TO YOUR DISASTER PLAN SPECIFIC TO YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS.

FOR THOSE NEARBY...REVIEW YOUR DISASTER PLAN AND BECOME READY TO ACT IF A TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCH OR WARNING IS ISSUED LATER FOR YOUR AREA.

MARINERS ARE URGED TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO RETURN TO PORT...SEEK SAFE HARBOR...AND SECURE THEIR CRAFT. NOW IS THE TIME TO INITIATE ACTIONS ACCORDING TO YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN. MONITOR WEATHER BROADCASTS FOR CHANGES TO THE LATEST FORECAST AND LISTEN FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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.NEXT UPDATE...

THE NEXT LOCAL STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MELBOURNE BY 1 PM EST. IT WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT DETAILS REGARDING THE EVOLVING TROPICAL CYCLONE THREATS AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACTS UPON THE AREA.

FLZ047-054-059-064-147-011600-/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-00000T0000Z/ SOUTHERN BREVARD-INDIAN RIVER-ST. LUCIE-MARTIN-NORTHERN BREVARD-1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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FLZ141-011600-/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-000000T0000Z/ COASTAL VOLUSIA-1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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FLZ053-058-011600-/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-000000T0000Z/ OSCEOLA-OKEECHOBEE-1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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FLZ041-045-046-011600-/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-000000T0000Z/ INLAND VOLUSIA-ORANGE-SEMINOLE-1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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AMZ552-555-572-575-011600/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-000000T0000Z/
COASTAL WATERS FROM VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE TO SEBASTIAN INLET OUT 20 NMCOASTAL WATERS FROM SEBASTIAN INLET TO JUPITER INLET OUT 20 NM-WATERS FROM VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE TO SEBASTIAN INLET 20 TO 60 NM
OFFSHORE-WATERS FROM SEBASTIAN INLET TO JUPITER INLET 20 TO 60 NM
OFFSHORE1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

... HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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AMZ550-570-011600/O.NEW.KMLB.HU.A.1001.110131T1610Z-000000T0000Z/
COASTAL WATERS FROM FLAGLER BEACH TO VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE OUT 20 NM-WATERS FROM FLAGLER BEACH TO VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE 20 TO 60 NM OFFSHORE1110 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

...HURRICANE WATCH IN EFFECT...

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#### Comprehensive HLS example

WTUS82 KMLB 311645 HLSMLB URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED HURRICANE TEST LOCAL STATEMENT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MELBOURNE FL 1145 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

- ...MAJOR HURRICANE TEST HEADED TOWARD THE SPACE AND TREASURE COASTS...
- ...EVACUATION UNDERWAY FOR PORTIONS OF THE SPACE AND TREASURE COASTS...

.NEW INFORMATION...

DETAILS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR HURRICANE TEST UPON THE LOCAL AREA ARE DESCRIBED.

.AREAS AFFECTED...

THIS LOCAL STATEMENT PROVIDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR PEOPLE AND MARINE INTERESTS IN ALL LOCATIONS AND COASTAL WATER LEGS OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE ADJACENT ATLANTIC WATERS.

.WATCHES/WARNINGS...

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...MARTIN...SAINT LUCIE...INDIAN RIVER...SOUTH BREVARD...NORTH BREVARD...COASTAL VOLUSIA...INLAND VOLUSIA...SEMINOLE... ORANGE...OSCEOLA...AND OKEECHOBEE.

FOR MARINE INTERESTS...A HURRICANE WATCH CONTINUES FOR ALL OFTHE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA ATLANTIC WATERS.

ALTHOUGH TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCHES OR WARNINGS ARE NOT IN EFFECT FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS...NORTH LAKE...AND SOUTH LAKE...POSSIBLE IMPACTS FROM RELATED HAZARDS ARE STILL A CONCERN.

.STORM INFORMATION...

AT 11 AM EST...THE CENTER OF MAJOR HURRICANE TEST WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 24.5N...LONGITUDE 75.2W...OR ABOUT 70 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF

ELEUTHERA ISLAND OF THE BAHAMAS. THIS WAS ABOUT 420 MILES SOUTHEAST OF COCOA BEACH FL..OR ABOUT 380 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF FORT PIERCE FL. STORM MOTION WAS WEST-NORTHWEST AT 10 MPH. A NORTHWEST MOTION WITH SOME DECREASE IN FORWARD SPEED IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS. ON THIS TRACK...THE CORE OF MAJOR HURRICANE TEST WILL MOVE THROUGH THE BAHAMAS TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS WERE NEAR 120 MPH...WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SOME FLUCTUATIONS IN INTENSITY ARE FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

#### .SITUATION OVERVIEW...

MAJOR HURRICANE TEST IS A LARGE AND POWERFUL STORM. THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ITS PATH ARE SUBJECT TO AN EXTREME THREAT FROM DANGEROUS HIGH WINDS AND GUSTS. MORE SO...THOSE IN VICINITY OF THE COAST NEAR AND TO THE NORTH OF WHERE THE CENTER OF TEST MAKES LANDFALL ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO AN EXTREME THREAT FROM COASTAL FLOOD WATERS. THE EFFECTS OF STORM SURGE AND TIDE MAY BE DEVASTATING IN SOME AREAS.

IT IS TOO EARLY TO PROVIDE EXACT WIND AND SURGE FORECAST VALUES FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS. AN OVERALL CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL FOR DEVASTATING DAMAGE ACROSS PARTS OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA. THE AREAS AT GREATEST RISK APPEAR TO BE ALONG THE SPACE AND TREASURE COASTS WHERE WINDS OF 120 MPH AND STORM SURGE AND TIDE WATERS UP TO 8 FEET MAY STRIKE THE COAST BY WEDNESDAY.

WITH THE LARGER SIZE AND DECREASING FORWARD SPEED OF THE STORM...INLAND FLOODING MAY FURTHER AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION. FLOOD WATHCES MAY BE ISSUED LATER TODAY. RAINFALL TOTALS WILL LIKELY EXCEED 15 INCHES IN SEVERAL PLACES...WITH FLOODING RAIN BECOMING A PRIMARY HAZARD FOR LOCATIONS ACROSS THE INTERIOR OF THE CENTRAL PENINSULA.

THE THREAT OF TORNADOES WILL INCREASE ON TUESDAY AS OUTER RAINBANDS BEGIN TO AFFECT EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA. TORNADO WATCHES MAY BE NEEDED ON TUESDAY AS OUTER RAINBANDS FROM TEST APPROACH THE AREA. AS YOU MAKE YOUR PREPARATIONS...BE SURE TO ALSO LISTEN FOR TORNADO WATCHES AND WARNINGS.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU DO NOT FOCUS ON THE EXACT FORECAST TRACK. TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN BAD DECISIONS AND PLACE YOU OR THOSE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AT GREATER RISK.

.PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

THERE IS A MANDATORY EVACUATION UNDERWAY FOR THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF MARTIN AND ST LUCIE COUNTIES. A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR PEOPLE ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF INDIAN RIVER AND BREVARD COUNTIES. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE VOLUNTARY EVACUATION WILL BECOME MANDATORY LATER THIS AFTERNOON OR EVENING. TOLL CHARGES ON THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE AND OTHER AREA TOLL ROADS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE THREAT FROM HURRICANE TEST.

STAY CALM AND KEEP INFORMED. COMPLY WITH EVACUATION ORDERS THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA. IF YOUR HOME IS VULNERABLE TO HIGH WINDS...OR IF YOU LIVE IN A SURGE ZONE OR ANY LOCATION PRONE TO FLOODING...CONSIDER EVACUATING TO A DESIGNATED SHELTER OR RIDING OUT THE STORM IN THE STURDY HOME OF FAMILY OR FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF EVACUATION ZONES.

FOR THOSE UNDER A HURRICANE WATCH...NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN PREPARING YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS ACCORDING TO YOUR DISASTER PLAN. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE WARNINGS AND BE READY TO EVACUATE IF NECESSARY. HEED THE ADVICE OF LOCAL OFFICIALS AND COMPLY WITH ANY ORDERS THAT ARE ISSUED.

FOR INTERESTS AT PORTS...DOCKS...AND MARINAS...IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PERFORM THE PRESCRIBED PREPARATIONS ACCORDING TO YOUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR TROPICAL CYCLONES. IF YOU LIVE ON A BOAT...BEGIN TO SAFELY SECURE YOUR CRAFT AND MAKE PLANS TO LEAVE IT FOR ADEQUATE LAND BASED SHELTER. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE WARNINGS.

REGARDING THE COASTAL WATERS UNDER A WATCH...SMALL CRAFT SHOULD RETURN TO PORT OR SEEK SAFE HARBOR. CLOSELY MONITOR NOAA WEATHER RADIO OR OTHER LOCAL NEWS OUTLETS FOR OFFICIAL STORM INFORMATION. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE FORECAST.

FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION...PLEASE REFER TO THE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO YOUR LOCATION AS FURTHER DESCRIBED BY YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE AND YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. A COMPREHENSIVE CHECKLIST FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING...INCLUDING A CHECKLIST FOR AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT...CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.READY.GOV.

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.NEXT UPDATE...

THE NEXT LOCAL STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MELBOURNE AROUND 6 PM EST...OR SOONER IF CONDITIONS WARRANT.

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SOUTHERN BREVARD-INDIAN RIVER-ST. LUCIE-MARTIN-NORTHERN BREVARD1145 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

- ...HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...
  ...EVACUATION UNDERWAY FOR PORTIONS OF THE TREASURE AND SPACE COAST...
- ...PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
  PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A MANDATORY EVACUATION HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE THIS MORNING FOR PEOPLE ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF MARTIN AND SAINT LUCIE COUNTIES. VOLUNTARY EVACUATION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF INDIAN RIVER AND BREVARD COUNTIES. FORMAL EVACUATION ORDERS MAY BE ISSUED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON BY OFFICIALS ON THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF INDIAN RIVER AND BREVARD COUNTIES. MARTIN...ST LUCIE...AND INDIAN RIVER COUNTIES WILL BE OPENING SHELTERS THIS AFTERNOON. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SHELTER LOCATIONS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS.

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...PROBABILITY OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS...

THE CHANCE FOR HURRICANE CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS UP TO 30 PERCENT. ALSO...THE CHANCE FOR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 78 TO

86 PERCENT. THIS REPRESENTS A GENERAL UPWARD TREND SINCE THE LAST FORECAST.

#### ...WINDS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS FROM EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING TO EARLY WEDNESDAY EVENING...WITH MAJOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS IMPACTING PLACES WHERE THE CORE OF TEST MAKES LANDFALL. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS AND GUSTS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA EARLY TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

IF REALIZED...MAJOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS WILL BE CAPABLE OF CAUSING STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS...SOME WITH COMPLETE WALL AND ROOF FAILURES. COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF MOBILE HOMES WILL OCCUR. NUMEROUS LARGE SIGNS AND TREES WILL BE BLOWN DOWN. MANY ROADS WILL BE IMPASSIBLE DUE TO LARGE DEBRIS. THERE WILL BE WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES.

...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE...

IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE EXACT HEIGHTS OF COMBINED STORM SURGE AND TIDE WATERS FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WITHIN THE FORECAST AREA ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR HURRICANE TEST. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE PRECISE SIZE...INTENSITY...AND TRACK OF THE SYSTEM AS IT APPROACHES THE COAST. GIVEN THE LATEST FORECAST...THERE IS A CHANCE FOR COMBINED STORM SURGE AND ASTRONOMICAL TIDE WATERS UP TO 8 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL WITHIN AREAS CLOSER TO THE COAST...RESULTING IN WORST CASE FLOOD INUNDATION UP TO 6 TO 8 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE SURGE ZONE. PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THESE POTENTIAL CONDITIONS.

AT THIS TIME...THERE IS AN OVERALL CONCERN FOR THE CHANCE OF WIDESPREAD MAJOR COASTAL FLOODING FROM SEA WATER...POSSIBLY REACHING SEVERAL MILES INLAND.

IF REALIZED...EXTREME BEACH EROSION WITH SEVERAL NEW INLAND CUTS WILL LIKELY BE CREATED. MANY LARGE SECTIONS OF NEARSHORE ROADS WILL BE WASHED OUT AND LOW LYING ESCAPE ROUTES FLOODED. INTENSE BATTERING WAVES MAY BREACH DUNES AND SEAWALLS IN MANY LOCATIONS WHICH COULDRESULT IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO SHORELINE BUILDINGS. SOME STRUCTURES ALONG THE COASTLINE MAY BE WASHED INTO THE SEA. CONSIDERABLE FLOATING DEBRIS MAY CAUSE SECONDARY DAMAGE IN FLOODED AREAS. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WILL OCCUR TO MARINAS...DOCKS...AND PIERS. NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT WILL BE BROKEN FROM THEIR MOORINGS.

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... HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...

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...PROBABILITY OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS...

THE CHANCE FOR HURRICANE CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 13 TO 21 PERCENT. ALSO...THE CHANCE FOR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 74 TO

79 PERCENT. THIS REPRESENTS A GENERAL UPWARD TREND SINCE THE LAST FORECAST.

#### ...WINDS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR STRONG TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS WITH HURRICANE FORCE GUSTS FROM LATE WEDNESDAY MORNING TO LATE WEDNESDAY EVENING. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A GENERAL CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGING WINDS ACROSS COASTAL VOLUSIA COUNTY. .

...STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE...

IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE EXACT HEIGHTS OF COMBINED STORM SURGE AND TIDE WATERS FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WITHIN THE FORECAST AREA ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR HURRICANE TEST. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE PRECISE SIZE...INTENSITY...AND TRACK OF THE SYSTEM AS IT APPROACHES THE COAST. GIVEN THE LATEST FORECAST...THERE IS A CHANCE FOR COMBINED STORM SURGE AND ASTRONOMICAL TIDE WATERS UP TO 6 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL WITHIN AREAS CLOSER TO THE COAST...RESULTING IN WORST CASE FLOOD INUNDATION UP TO 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE SURGE ZONE. PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THESE POTENTIAL CONDITIONS.

MAJOR HURRICANE TEST IS CURRENTLY FORECAST TO MAKE LANDFALL WELL SOUTH OF CAPE CANAVERAL...WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT COASTAL FLOODING FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY. HOWEVERINHERENT FORECAST UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE TRACK OF TEST MAKE IT UNWISE TO LOWER YOUR GUARD. AT THIS TIME...THERE IS A GENERAL CONCERN FOR THE POTENTIAL FOR MODERATE TO MAJOR COASTAL FLOODING.

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... HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...

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...PROBABILITY OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS...

THE CHANCE FOR HURRICANE CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 12 TO 20 PERCENT. ALSO...THE CHANCE FOR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 73 TO 82 PERCENT. THIS REPRESENTS A GENERAL UPWARD TREND SINCE THE LAST FORECAST.

...WINDS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS FROM EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING TO EARLY WEDNESDAY EVENING. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA TOMORROW EVENING.

A GENERAL CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGING WINDS ACROSS OSCEOLA AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES IF REALIZED...WINDS WILL BE CAPABLE OF CAUSING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO ROOFING MATERIAL...DOORS...FENCES...AND WINDOWS. SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE COULD OCCUR WITH SOME BUILDINGS. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WILL OCCUR TO MOBILE HOMES. MANY LARGE SIGNS AND TREES WILL BE BLOWN DOWN WITH FURTHER DAMAGE TO STANDING TREES. SOME ROADS WILL BECOME IMPASSIBLE DUE TO LARGE DEBRIS. WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES WILL ALSO OCCUR.

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... HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...

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...PROBABILITY OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CONDITIONS...
THE CHANCE FOR HURRICANE CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 10 TO 20 PERCENT.
ALSO...THE CHANCE FOR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME IS 72 TO 81 PERCENT. THIS REPRESENTS A GENERAL UPWARD TREND SINCE THE LAST FORECAST.

...INLAND FLOODING...

THE PRIMARY THREAT FROM HURRICANE TEST UPON SEMINOLE...ORANGE...AND INLAND VOLUSIA COUNTIES WILL BE FROM LONG DURATION HEAVY RAIN...ACCOMPANIED BY STRONG WIND GUSTS IN PASSING SQUALLS. LOCAL AMOUNTS OF 10 TO 12 INCHES MAY OCCUR. IT IS LIKELY THAT MODERATE TO MAJOR FLOODING WILL OCCUR IN THE ORLANDO METROPOLITAN AREA.

FLOOD WATCHES WILL LIKELY BE ISSUED LATER TODAY FOR ALL OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE FLOOD WARNINGS.

IF INLAND FLOOD WATERS OCCUR...DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH PLACES WHERE WATER OF UNKNOWN DEPTH COVERS THE ROAD.

...WINDS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR STRONG TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS WITH HURRICANE FORCE GUSTS FROM LATE WEDNESDAY MORNING TO LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA WEDNESDAY MORNING. A GENERAL CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGING WINDS SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE AREA.

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- ...STRONG AND GUSTY WINDS WITH FLOODING RAIN POSSIBLE...
- ... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCHES OR WARNINGS FOR YOUR AREA.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW YOUR HURRICANE DISASTER PLAN. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PLAN...MAKE ONE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR PLAN...CONTACT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE...LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT...OR AMERICAN RED CROSS.

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...INLAND FLOODING...

THE PRIMARY THREAT FROM HURRICANE TEST UPON LAKE COUNTY WILL BE FROM LONG DURATION HEAVY RAIN...ACCOMPANIED BY STRONG WIND GUSTS IN PASSING SQUALLS. LOCAL AMOUNTS OF 10 TO 12 INCHES MAY OCCUR.

FLOOD WATCHES WILL LIKELY BE ISSUED LATER TODAY FOR ALL OF EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE FLOOD WARNINGS.

IF INLAND FLOOD WATERS OCCUR...DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH PLACES WHERE WATER OF UNKNOWN DEPTH COVERS THE ROAD.

...WINDS...

TROPICAL CYCLONE WATCHES OR WARNINGS ARE CURRENTLY NOT IN EFFECT...NOR ARE THEY LIKELY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR MAXIMUM WINDS TO REMAIN BELOW TROPICAL STORM FORCE. AT THIS TIME...REMAIN CALM AND STAY INFORMED. LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE FORECAST.

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COASTAL WATERS FROM VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE TO SEBASTIAN INLET OUT 20 NM-

COASTAL WATERS FROM SEBASTIAN INLET TO JUPITER INLET OUT 20 NM-WATERS FROM VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE TO SEBASTIAN INLET 20 TO 60 NM OFFSHORE-

WATERS FROM SEBASTIAN INLET TO JUPITER INLET 20 TO 60 NM OFFSHORE-1145 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

- ... HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...
- ... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

BOAT OWNERS AND CAPTAINS OF SMALL CRAFT NEED TO DETERMINE THE BEST STRATEGY FOR SECURING THEIR CRAFT.

LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE LATEST MARINE FORECAST.

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...WINDS AND SEAS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS FROM VERY EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING TO EARLY WEDNESDAY EVENING. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA EARLY TUESDAY EVENING.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FORECAST...PEAK SUSTAINED WINDS ARE FORECAST TO 105 KNOTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORE OF MAJOR HURRICANE TEST. GUSTS TO 125 KNOTS ARE POSSIBLE. HIGHEST SEAS ARE FORECAST TO BUILD TO 24 TO 28 FEET AS TEST MOVES THROUGH THE COASTAL WATERS SOUTH OF CAPE CANAVERAL.

THERE IS AN EXTREME THREAT TO MARINERS. AT BEAUFORT SCALE 10...VERY HIGH WAVES WITH LONG OVERHANGING CRESTS FORM. VISIBILITY IS GREATLY REDUCED FROM BLOWING DENSE FOAM AND SPRAY. AT BEAUFORT SCALE 12...MEDIUM SIZED SHIPS MAY BE LOST TO VIEW BEHIND EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH WAVES AS THE AIR FILLS WITH FOAM AND SPRAY. BAY AND INLAND WATERS BECOME EXTREMELY ROUGH.

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COASTAL WATERS FROM FLAGLER BEACH TO VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE
OUT 20 NMWATERS FROM FLAGLER BEACH TO VOLUSIA BREVARD COUNTY LINE 20 TO
60 NM OFFSHORE1145 AM EST MON JAN 31 2011

- ... HURRICANE WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT...
- ... PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

BOAT OWNERS AND CAPTAINS OF SMALL CRAFT NEED TO DETERMINE THE BEST STRATEGY FOR SECURING THEIR CRAFT.

LISTEN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE LATEST MARINE FORECAST.

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...WINDS AND SEAS...

AS MAJOR HURRICANE TEST MOVES CLOSER...THE THREAT FOR SUSTAINED HIGH WINDS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. THE LATEST FORECAST IS FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS FROM WEDNESDAY MORNING TO WEDNESDAY EVENING. TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE CURRENTLY FORECAST TO BEGIN AFFECTING THE AREA VERY EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FORECAST...PEAK SUSTAINED WINDS ARE FORECAST TO 70 KNOTS OUTSIDE AND AWAY FROM THE CORE OF MAJOR HURRICANE TEST. GUSTS TO 85 KNOTS ARE POSSIBLE IN PASSING SQUALLS. HIGHEST SEAS NORTH OF CAPE CANAVERAL ARE FORECAST TO BUILD TO 18 TO 22 FEET AS TEST MOVES THROUGH THE COASTAL WATERS SOUTH OF CAPE CANAVERAL. THERE IS AN EXTREME THREAT TO MARINERS. AT BEAUFORT SCALE 10...VERY HIGH WAVES WITH LONG OVERHANGING CRESTS FORM. VISIBILITY IS GREATLY RESTRICTED BY BLOWING DENSE FOAM AND SPRAY. AT BEAUFORT SCALE 12...MEDIUM SIZED SHIPS MAY BE LOST TO VIEW BEHIND EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH

WAVES AS THE AIR FILLS WITH FOAM AND SPRAY. BAY AND INLAND WATERS BECOME EXTREMELY ROUGH.

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## Example: Extreme Wind Warning (EWW)

WFUS52 KTBW 131938 EWWTBW FLC015-071-132100-/O.NEW.KTBW.EW.W.0013.040813T1938Z-040813T2100Z/

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED EXTREME WIND WARNING NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY - RUSKIN FL 338 PM EDT FRI AUG 13 2004

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RUSKIN HAS ISSUED AN

\* EXTREME WIND WARNING FOR THE ONSET OF SUSTAINED WINDS OF 115 MPH OR GREATER FOR...

CHARLOTTE COUNTY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEE COUNTY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

- \* UNTIL 500 PM EDT
- \* AT 335 PM EDT...SURFACE OBSERVATIONS AND NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED EXTREME WINDS...ASSOCIATED WITH THE EYEWALL OF HURRICANE CHARLEY...WERE MOVING ONSHORE NEAR NORTH CAPTIVA ISLAND. SUSTAINED WINDS IN EXCESS OF 140 MPH...CAPABLE OF PRODUCING WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION...CAN BE EXPECTED AS THE EYEWALL PASSES OVERHEAD. MOVEMENT WAS NORTH NORTHEAST AT 20 MPH.
- \* THESE EXTREME WINDS WILL AFFECT... ST. JAMES CITY BY 345 PM BOKEELIA BY 350 PM PUNTA GORDA BY 400 PM

THIS IS A DANGEROUS STORM! MOVE INTO AN INTERIOR ROOM AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND OUTER WALLS. COVER YOUR HEAD AND BODY WITH PILLOWS OR BLANKETS.

LAT...LON 2672 8226 2644 8213 2702 8174 2702 8207 TIME...MOT...LOC 1935 200DEG 17KT 2665 8210

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## Example: SVS followup for EWW

WWUS52 KTBW 132015

SVSTBW

SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY - RUSKIN FL
415 PM EDT FRI AUG 13 2004

FLC071-132030-/O.CAN.KTBW.EW.W.0013.000000T0000Z-040813T2100Z LEE-415 PM CDT FRI AUG 13 2004

...EXTREME WIND WARNING CANCELLED FOR LEE COUNTY...

EXTREME WINDS...ASSOCIATED WITH THE EYEWALL OF HURRICANE CHARLEY...
HAVE MOVED NORTHEAST OF LEE COUNTY. THUS THE EXTREME WIND WARNING HAS
BEEN CANCELLED FOR LEE COUNTY.

LAT...LON 2672 8226 2644 8213 2702 8174 2702 8207

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## Example: Short Term Forecast (NOWcast)

FPUS71 KMOB 192130 NOWMOB

SHORT TERM FORECAST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOBILE AL 430 PM CDT SAT AUG 19 1995

ALZ051>064-MSZ067-075-076-078-079-192330-BALDWIN- MOBILE-HANCOCK-HARRISON-JACKSON 0430 PM CDT SAT AUG 19 1995

.NOW...

...HURRICANE GARY WILL MOVE ACROSS BALDWIN AND MOBILE COUNTIES BY 530 PM...

SUSTAINED WINDS ABOVE 80 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS AND TORRENTIAL RAINFALL CAN BE EXPECTED AS THE RAIN BAND MOVES ACROSS. THE RAIN BAND SHOULD WEAKEN SLIGHTLY AS IT MOVES ACROSS CLARKE...WASHINGTON...AND GEORGE COUNTIES BY 6 PM. BUT PEOPLE IN THESE COUNTIES SHOULD EXPECT WIND GUSTS TO NEAR HURRICANE FORCE AND EXTREMELY HEAVY RAINFALL.

SCATTERED AREAS OF MODERATE TO HEAVY RAINFALL WILL CONTINUE ACROSS SOUTHERN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI THROUGH 6 PM. BANDS OF STRONG STORMS WILL MOVE NORTHWESTWARD ACROSS THE AREA. EAST WINDS OF 30-40 MPH AND HEAVY RAIN WILL PERSIST WITH STRONGER WINDS AND HEAVIER RAINFALL NEAR THE RAIN BANDS. TEMPERATURES ACROSS THE REGION WILL REMAIN IN THE 70S.

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## Example: Post-Tropical Cyclone Report

ACUS72 KTBW 140058 PSHTBW

POST TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT...TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL 900 PM EDT TUE JUN 13 2006

COUNTIES INCLUDED: LEVY...CITRUS...HERNANDO...PASCO...HILLSBOROUGH...
POLK...PINELLAS...MANATEE...SARASOTA...

A. LOWEST SEA LEVEL PRESSURE/MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS AND PEAK GUSTS \_\_\_\_\_\_ OFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS... NOTE: ANEMOMETER HEIGHT IS 10 METERS AND WIND AVERAGING IS 2 MINUTES \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION ID MIN DATE/ MAX DATE/ PEAK DATE/ LAT LON PRES TIME SUST TIME GUST TIME DEG DECIMAL (MB) (UTC) (KT) (UTC) (KT) KVVG-THE VILLAGES 28.9 -81.9 1008.1 13/0745 210/024 13/1805 210/036 13/1805 KBKV-BROOKSVILLE 28.5 -82.5 1006.8 13/0859 210/024 13/1928 210/037 13/1656 KPIE-SAINT PETERSBURG 27.9 -82.7 1007.1 13/0836 200/035 13/0540 200/044 13/0547 KGIF-WINTER HAVEN 28.0 -81.7 1009.1 13/0640 220/023 13/1706 220/030 13/1705 KTPA-TAMPA INTERNATIONAL 28.0 -82.5 1007.8 13/0931 200/029 13/0509 I 220/039 13/0707 I

REMARKS: TAMPA ANEMOMETER STOPPED WORKING AT 13/0800.

UNOFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS...

NOTE: ANEMOMETER HEIGHT IN METERS AND WIND AVERAGING PERIOD IN MINUTES INDICATED UNDER MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND IF KNOWN

LOCATION LAT LON DEG DECI	N	MIN PRES (MB)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)	MAX SUST (KT)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)	PEAK GUST (KT)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)
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29.1 -8	83.0	1004.1	13/1100	185/036 02/10	13/0830	180/048	13/0900
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28.3 -8	82.7	1005.4	13/1205 I	210/029 01/05	13/1154	220/035	13/1200
	ENICE 82.6	1005.6	13/0705	209/036	13/0610	210/046	13/0637

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REMARKS: PRESSURE SENSOR AT PORT RICHEY STOPPED WORKING AT 13/1245.

B. MARINE OBSERVATIONS...

NOTE: ANEMOMETER HEIGHT IN METERS AND WIND AVERAGING PERIOD IN MINUTES INDICATED UNDER MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND IF KNOWN

	ION ID LON ECIMAL	MIN PRES (MB)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)	MAX SUST (KT)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)	PEAK GUST (KT)	DATE/ TIME (UTC)
42036	100 NM	WEST OF	BAYPORT				
28.5	-84.5	1008.5	13/0905	280/035	13/1040	080/045	12/1050
				05/08			
42013	30 NM I	WEST OF V	ENICE				
25.9	-85.9	1003.7	13/1040	170/029	12/2210	200/035	13/0310 I
				03/10			
42003	210 NM	W OF CAP	TIVA ISLAN	D			
25.9	-85.9	1005.6	13/1350	196/038	12/1350	160/049	12/0516

REMARKS: WIND SENSOR AT USF COMPS BUOY 42013 STOPPED WORKING AT 13/0311.

C. STORM TOTAL RAINFALL FROM 0000 UTC JUNE 12 UNTIL 2359 UTC JUNE 13 2006

CITY/TOWN LAT LON DEG DECIMAL	COUNTY	ID	RAINFALL (IN)
SUWANNEE 29.2 -83.1	LEVY	SUWF1	
CHIEFLAND 29.5 -82.9	LEVY	CHIF1	3.67
WILLISTON 29.4 -82.5	LEVY	WLSF1	4.53
THE VILLAGES 28.9 -81.9	SUMTER	KVVG	0.87
DADE CITY 28.3 -82.3	PASCO	STLF1	2.62
PINELLAS PARK 27.9 -82.7	PINELLAS	PINPK	4.10

REMARKS: NONE.

#### D. INLAND FLOODING...

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LEVY...NUMEROUS REPORTS OF LOCALIZED FRESH WATER FLOODING IN URBAN AREAS.

CITRUS...LOCALIZED FRESH WATER FLOODING REPORTED IN SEVERAL AREAS.

HILLSBOROUGH...LOCALIZED FRESH WATER FLOODING WAS OBSERVED.

REMARKS: NONE.

E. MAXIMUM STORM SURGE AND STORM TIDE... OFFICIAL TIDE GAUGES NOTED WITH LEADING "G"

COUNTY		CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION	SURGE (FT)	TIDE (FT)	DATE TIME	BEACH EROSION
LEVY	G	CEDAR KEY	4.09	6.74	13/0800	MINOR
PINELLAS	G	CLEARWATER	2.42	4.02	13/0900	MINOR
MANATEE		COQUINA BEACH	4.33	6.78	13/0700	MAJOR

MAJOR BEACH EROSION AT COQUINA BEACH WHERE THE SAND WAS DUG OUT 2 FEET DEEP AND HALF THE BEACH DISAPPEARED.

PINELLAS INDIAN SHORES 3.56 6.45 13/0800 MODERATE

MODERATE BEACH EROSION REPORTED AT INDIAN SHORES.

CITRUS NORTHERN COAST 4.00 N/A 13/1000 UNKNOWN

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTED A 3 TO 4 FOOT SURGE FROM HOMOSASSA TO JUST SOUTH OF INGLIS.

REMARKS: DATE AND TIME ESTIMATED FOR MANATEE PINELLAS AND CITRUS COUNTIES.

#### F. TORNADOES...

27.6 -81.8

(DIST)CITY/TOWN COUNTY DATE/ EF SCALE
LAT LON(DEG DECIMAL) TIME(UGC) (IF KNOWN)
DESCRIPTION

3 NE WAUCHULA HARDEE 12/0650 EF0

COUNTY ROAD CREW OBSERVED THE TORNADO NEAR HIGHWAY 62.

2 E BARTOW POLK 12/0809 EF0 27.9 -81.8

TORNADO OBSERVED 1 MILE EAST OF BARTOW AIRPORT.

1 S ARCADIA DESOTO 12/0658 EF0 27.2 -81.9

TORNADO OBSERVED 1 MILE SOUTH OF ARCADIA.

REMARKS: NONE.

G. STORM IMPACTS BY COUNTY								
COUNTY DESCRIPTION	DEATHS	INJURIES	EVACUATIONS					
	AD DOWNTOWN. W	0 VED FLOOD DAMAGE AS TW NATER ALSO CLOSED NEAR						
RESTAURANT AND TO BE RESCUED.	DAMAGED 20 HCONE IN HOMOS	0 SSA PUT 3 FEET OF WATER DMES. TWO PEOPLE WHO I SASSA AND THE OTHER IN CD WITH 4 FEET OF WATER	DID NOT EVACUATE HAD CRYSTAL RIVER.					
PASCO 4 FOOT SURGE UTO FLOOD PROPER		0 C COUNTY COAST LINE. WA HIGH TIDE.	0 AS NOT HIGH ENOUGH					
	EES ON HOUSES.	0 FRESH WATER FLOODING OULEVARD FOR A TIME.	0 AND BAY OVERSPRAY					
MANATEE NO PROBLEMS.	0	0	0					
SARASOTA NO PROBLEMS.	0	0	0					
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Legend: I-Incomplete E-Estimated	Data							

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## **APPENDIX B**

# TROPICAL CYCLONE ASSESSMENT AND WARNING PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS

AREA	<u>WMO</u>	<u>AWIPS</u>
Caribbean	CA	#
North Atlantic and Caribbean	NT	AT
East Pacific	PZ	EP
Central Pacific	PA	CP
West Pacific	PW	WP
North Pacific	PN	
West North Pacific	PQ	#
South Pacific	PS	#
Indian Ocean	IO	#
South Indian Ocean	XS	#
<u>Issuing Office</u>	WMO CCCC	
WFO HFO/CPHC - Honolulu	PHFO	
WFO Guam	PGUM	
JTWC - Pearl Harbor	PGTW	
NHC - Miami	KNHC	
HPC - Camp Springs, Maryland	KWNH	
NAVPACMETOCCEN - Naval Pacific		
Metr. And Oceanography Center		
- Pearl Harbor	PHNC	
Offutt AFB	KGWC	
PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER (NNNXXX)
The Call Words O. A. I.		
Tropical Weather Outlook Atlantic Basin	ABNT20 KNHC	TWOAT
Eastern Pacific	ABPZ20 KNHC	TWOEP
Central Pacific	ACPN50 PHFO	TWOCP
	ACCA62 TJSJ	TWOSPN
San Juan - Spanish Western Pacific	ACCA02 1353 ABPW10 PGTW	N/A
Indian Ocean	ABIO10 PGTW	N/A N/A
mulan Octali	ADIOIO FOLW	1 <b>V</b> / <i>F</i> <b>1</b>
<b>Tropical Weather Discussion</b>		
Atlantic Basin	AXNT20 KNHC	TWDAT
Eastern Pacific	AXPZ20 KNHC	TWDEP

PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER (NNNXXX)
Tropical/Subtropical Cyclone		
Public Advisory		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/31-35/ KNHC	TCPAT/1-5/
San Juan - Spanish	WTCA/41-45/ TJSJ	TCPSP/1-5/
Eastern Pacific	WTPZ/31-35/ KNHC	TCPEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	WTPA/31-35/ PHFO	TCPCP/1-5/
western North Pacific	WTPQ/31-35/ PGUM	TCPPQ/1-5/
Public Advisory from HPC		
Conterminous US - HPC issued	WTNT/31-35/ KWNH	TCPAT/1-5/
Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed		
Probabilities Text Product		
Atlantic	FONT/11-15/ KNHC	PWSAT/1-5/
East Pacific	FOPZ/11-15/ KNHC	PWSEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	FOPA/11-15/ PHFO	PWSCP/1-5/
Tropical/Subtropical Cyclone		
Forecast/Advisory		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/21-25/KNHC	TCMAT/1-5/
Eastern Pacific	WTPZ/21-25/ KNHC	TCMEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	WTPA/21-25/ PHFO	TCMCP/1-5/
Tropical Cyclone Discussion		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/41-45/ KNHC/	TCDAT/1-5/
Eastern Pacific	WTPZ/41-45/ KNHC	TCDEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	WTPA/41-45/ PHFO	TCDCP/1-5/
Tropical Cyclone Valid Time Event		
Code Product		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/81-85/ KNHC	TCVAT/1-5/
East Pacific Basin	WTPZ/81-85/ KNHC	TCVEP/1-5/
Central Pacific Basin	WTPA/81-85/ PHFO	TCVCP/1-5/
Prognostic Reasoning of Warnings for NW Pacific	WDPN/31-36/ PGTW	N/A
Tropical Cyclone Position Estimate		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/51-55/ KNHC	TCEAT/1-5/
Eastern Pacific	WTPZ/51-55/ KNHC	TCEEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	WTPA/51-55/ PHFO	TCECP/1-5/
western North Pacific	WTPQ/51-55/ PGUM	TCEPQ/1-5/
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		AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER
PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	(NNNXXX)
<b>Tropical Cyclone Position and</b>		
<b>Intensity from Satellite Data</b>		
NW Pacific	TPPN10 PGTW	N/A
SW Pacific	TPPS10 PGTW	N/A
S central Pacific 120W-160E	TXPS40 PHFO	TCSSP
N central Pacific 140W-180	TXPN40 PHFO	TCSCP
N Indian Ocean	TPIO10 PGTW	N/A
S Indian Ocean	TPXS10 PGTW	N/A
Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert Me	<u>ssage</u>	
Issued by JTWC		
Northwest Pacific	WTPN/21-25/PGTW	N/A
Southwest Pacific	WTPS/21-25/ PGTW	N/A
North Indian Ocean	WTIO/21-25/ PGTW	N/A
South Indian Ocean	WTXS/21-25/ PGTW	N/A
Issued by NAVPACMETOCCEN		
Southeast Pacific	WTPS/21-25/ PHNC	N/A
Tropical Cyclone Update		
Atlantic Basin	WTNT/61-65/ KNHC	TCUAT/1-5/
Eastern Pacific	WTPZ/61-65/ KNHC	TCUEP/1-5/
Central Pacific	WTPA/61-65/ PHFO	TCUCP/1-5/
Tropical Cyclone Warnings		
Northwest Pacific	WTPN/31-35/ PGTW	TCPWP/1-5/
Southwest Pacific	WTPS/31-35/ PGTW	N/A
North Indian Ocean	WTIO/31-35/ PGTW	N/A
South Indian Ocean	WTXS/31-35/ PGTW	N/A
Tropical Weather Summary		
Atlantic Basin	ABNT30 KNHC	TWSAT
Eastern Pacific	ABPZ30 KNHC	TWSEP
Central Pacific	ACPN60 PHFO	TWSCP
Satellite Interpretation Message		
Hawaiian Islands	ATHW40 PHFO	SIMHI
Western North Pacific (Guam)	ATPQ40 PGUM	SIMGUM
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PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER (NNNXXX)
Satellite-Derived Rainfall		
Eastern Caribbean	TCCA21 KNHC	STDECA
Central Caribbean	TCCA22 KNHC	STDCCA
Western Caribbean	TCCA23 KNHC	STDWCA
Aircraft Reconnaissance Messages Repor	ts-Atlantic Basin	
Recco Observation non-tropical (NHC)	URNT10 KNHC	REPNT0
Recco Observation non-tropical (DOD)	URNT10 KBIX	REPNT0
Recco Obs. non-tropical (NOAA/AOC)	URNT10 KWBC	
Recco Observation (NHC)	URNT11 KNHC	REPNT1
Recco Observation (DOD)	URNT11 KBIX	REPNT1
Recco Observation (NOAA/AOC)	URNT11 KWBC	
Vortex Data Message (NHC)	URNT12 KNHC	REPNT2
Vortex Data Message (DOD)	URNT12 KBIX	REPNT2
Vortex Data Message (NOAA/AOC)	URNT12 KWBC	
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (DOD)	URNT15 KNHC	AHONT1
High Density Obs. (HDOB)	URNT15 KBIX	AHONT1
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (NOAA/AOC)	URNT15 KWBC	
Dropsonde Report (NHC)	UZNT13 KNHC	REPNT3
Dropsonde Report (DOD)	UZNT13 KBIX	REPNT3
Dropsonde Report (NOAA/AOC)	UZNT13 KWBC	
Airbourne Expendable Bathythermograph	SOVX81 KNHC	OCDXBT
MinObs	URNT40 KWBC	

PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER (NNNXXX)
Aircraft Reconnaissance Messages- East	and Central Pacific Basins	
Recco Observation non-tropical (NHC)	URPN10 KNHC	REPPN0
Recco Observation non-tropical (DOD)	URPN10 KBIX	REPPN0
Recco Obs. non-tropical (NOAA/AOC)	URPN10 KWBC	11221110
Recco Observation (NHC)	URPN11 KNHC	REPPN1
Recco Observation (DOD)	URPN11 KBIX	REPPN1
Recco Observation (NOAA/AOC)	URPN11 KWBC	1121111
Vortex Data Message (NHC)	URPN12 KNHC	REPPN2
Vortex Data Message (DOD)	URPN12 KBIX	REPPN2
Vortex Data Message (NOAA/AOC)	URPN12 KWBC	112111
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (NHC)	URPN15 KNHC	AHOPN1
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (DOD)	URPN15 KBIX	AHOPN1
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (NOAA/AOC)	URPN15 KWBC	
Dropsonde Report (NHC)	UZPN13 KNHC	REPPN3
Dropsonde Report (DOD)	UZPN13 KBIX	REPPN3
Dropsonde Report (NOAA/AOC)	UZPN13 KWBC	
Aircraft Reconnaissance Messages- West Pacific Basins		
Recco Observation non-tropical (NHC) Recco Observation non-tropical (DOD)	URPA10 KNHC URPA10 KBIX/PGUA	REPPA0 REPPA0
	URPA10 KWBC	KEFFAU
Recco Obs. Non-tropical (NOAA/AOC)	URPA11 KNHC	REPPA1
Recco Observation (NHC)	URPA11 KBIX/PGUA	REPPA1
Recco Observation (DOD)		KEPPAI
Recco Observation (NOAA/AOC) Vortex Data Message (NHC)	URPA11 KWBC URPA12 KNHC	REPPA2
	URPA12 KBIX/PGUA	REPPA2
Vortex data message (DOD) Vortex Data Message (NOAA/AOC)	URPA12 KWBC	KEFFAZ
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (NHC)	URPA15 KNHC	AHOPA1
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (DOD)	URPA15 BKIX/PGUA	AHOPA1
High Density Obs. (HDOB) (NOAA/AOC)	URPA15 KWBC	DEDDA 2
Dropsonde Report (NHC)	UZPA13 KNHC	REPPA3
Dropsonde Report (DOD)	UZPA13 KBIX/PGUA	REPPA3
Dropsonde Report (NOAA/AOC)	UZPA13 KWBC	
Summer/Winter Reconnaissance Schedule [Atlantic/Pacific])	NOUS42 KNHC	REPRPD

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PRODUCT TITLE	WMO HEADER	(NNNXXX)
<b>Hurricane Local Statement</b>		
Atlantic	WTUS/81-84/ KCCC	HLSNNN
San Juan	WWCA31 TJSJ	HLSSJU
San Juan (Spanish)	WWCA39 TJSJ	HLSSPN
Eastern Pacific	WTUS86 KCCC	HLSNNN
Central Pacific	WTHW80 PHFO	HLSHFO
(All Hawaiian Islands)		
western North Pacific		
(Guam)	WTPQ/81-85/ PGUM	HLSPQ/1-5/
South Pacific		
(Pago Pago, American Samoa)	WTZS/81-85/ NSTU	HLSZS/1-5/
<b>Tropical Cyclone Objective Guidance P</b>	<u>roducts</u>	
Atlantic Basin	WHXX01 KMIA	CHGHUR
Pacific Basin	WHXX01 KWBC	CHGE77
Atlantic Basin	WHXX04 KWBC	CHGQLM
Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory Message		
Atlantic Basin	FKNT/21-25/ KNHC	TCANT/1-5/
East Pacific	FKPZ/21-25/ KNHC	TCAPZ/1-5/
Central Pacific	FKPA/21-25/ PHFO	TCAPA/1-5/
<b>Tropical Cyclone Summary - Fixes</b>		
South Central Pacific 120W - 160E	TXPS/41-45/ PHFO	TCSSP/1-5/
North Central Pacific 140W - 180	TXPN/41-45/ PHFO	TCSCP/1-5/

N/A indicates currently none assigned.\*\*